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JUDICIARY OF ARKANSAS
FISCAL YEAR 1986-87

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SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201

JACK HOLT, JR.
CHIEF JUSTICE

Fellow Arkansans:

Fiscal year 1986-87 marked a period of unprecedented change in the Judicial Branch of your government. In November of 1986 the voters adopted Amendment 64, which markedly increased the civil jurisdiction of your municipal courts. This improvement will bring Arkansas in line with most other states in this area, and will make available for the citizens of Arkansas a relatively inexpensive, and more expeditious, forum for litigation of minor civil disputes.

In January of 1987, the Supreme Court held the existing Juvenile Court System to be unconstitutional. Subsequently, the Legislature referred to the voters a proposed constitutional amendment which, if enacted, will provide the opportunity for development of a Juvenile Court System for the future. Governor Bill Clinton appointed a Commission to assist in this effort.

These developments, along with other significant occurrences, are detailed in the major developments section of this report. Your review of that portion of this report is encouraged.

The compilation of information necessary for this report would not be possible without the continued cooperation of the many trial judges and court clerks throughout the state. I continue to appreciate their contribution to this effort. As always, I acknowledge the hard work of the staff of the Arkansas Judicial Department in its annual effort to publish this document.

Jack Holt, Jr.
Chief Justice

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
FISCAL YEAR 1986-87

Juvenile Courts

The 1874 Constitution of the State of Arkansas makes no mention of juvenile courts. In 1911, the Arkansas Legislature, by way of statutory enactment, "created" juvenile courts and placed them within the jurisdiction of county courts. This arrangement was upheld in an Arkansas Supreme Court decision of 1915. On January 20, 1987, the Supreme Court of Arkansas reversed that earlier decision. In the opinion, the Supreme Court noted that proceedings involving juveniles had significantly changed over the years. Procedural due process requirements, funding sources, and other changes dictated that juvenile proceedings are more properly a state concern, hence, it was constitutionally improper for such proceedings to remain with county courts.

Judges and referees attended a seminar in April relating to the changes in the juvenile court system.

In response to that landmark decision, the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, during their 1987 Regular Session, enacted a package of legislation. That legislation provided that cases involving allegations of juvenile delinquency would henceforth be filed in circuit court. Cases concerning juveniles in need of supervision, and dependent/neglected juveniles, would be filed in probate court. In most other respects, the substantive law and procedural requirements of the 1975 Arkansas Juvenile Code remained intact.

Concurrently, Governor Bill Clinton appointed a Commission on Juvenile Justice. This Commission, chaired by Senator Wayne Dowd of Texarkana, is charged with the responsibility of investigating the subject of juvenile courts and making recommendations for the benefit of the 1989 General Assembly. In this connection, the Legislature also referred to the populace a proposed constitutional amendment to be on the November, 1988, General Election ballot. This proposed constitutional amendment, if enacted, would enable the Legislature to set jurisdiction in matters concerning juvenile and paternity cases.

Senator Wayne Dowd of Texarkana (right), Chairman of the Commission on Juvenile Justice, discusses the commission's work with members Carol Bohannan (left) of the Governor's Office and Chancellor Judith Rogers (center) of Little Rock.

Judicial Discipline

The Arkansas Supreme Court has endorsed a Code of Judicial Conduct by way of per curiam order entered on November 5, 1973. The code, through its seven canons, sets the proper standards for behavior of the judiciary in Arkansas. However, this Code of Judicial Conduct does not provide for an administrative body to enforce the provisions of the code nor does it provide specific remedies for violations. Additionally, it appears that Arkansas is one of only a few states that does not have a formal procedure for investigation of complaints against judges for violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

In response to these deficiencies, the Arkansas Supreme Court created an ad hoc committee on the various issues surrounding judicial discipline, suspension, removal, and disability retirement. The membership of the committee included: Associate Justice David Newbern, Associate Justice Darrell Hickman, Court of Appeals Judge Jim Cooper, Circuit Judge John Graves, Chancellor Graham Partlow, Municipal Judge Sam Ed Gibson, Juvenile Judge Joyce Warren, and Professor Howard W. Brill.

The committee made its report to the Supreme Court in January of 1987. The Supreme Court adopted the committee's recommendations for creation of a Board on Judicial Discipline, Suspension, Removal, and Disability Retirement. In a rare development, the Justices of the Supreme Court appeared before the appropriate committee of the Legislature during the 1987 General Session and requested that the Legislature refer the proposal to the voters, which they did. Accordingly, a proposed constitutional amendment on this subject will appear on the November, 1988, General Election ballot. If accepted by the voters, the amendment will provide the citizens of Arkansas with a forum for adjudication of allegations of judicial misconduct.

Court of Appeals

During 1985, the General Assembly expanded the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals to include review of actions of the Arkansas Public Service Commission, an administrative agency which regulates public utilities. That 1985 legislation also specified that the Public Service Commission appeals shall enjoy priority over all other civil cases except child custody, appeals under Workmen's Compensation law, and the Employment Security law. During the last fiscal year, the first appeals under that legislation began to make their way to the Court of Appeals. Although the numbers of such appeals will not be large, the complexity of issues, and volume of the record in such appeals, will cause those cases to have an inordinate effect on the Court's case load.

In recognition of the increasing Court of Appeals' case load, and the addition of the Public Service Commission appellate jurisdiction, the General Assembly also established and funded the state's first appellate staff attorney program for the Court of Appeals. The staff attorney program came into full operation during this past fiscal year.

Many other jurisdictions, particularly in the federal courts, utilize central staff attorneys in addition to traditional law clerks. The duties of the Court of Appeals staff attorneys include screening of cases, research on difficult cases, drafting assistance, docket control, and administrative duties.

A computerized docket control system has been developed and implemented with assistance from the Judicial Department, and a computer-assisted legal research project is nearing completion. The staff attorney project, along with organizational changes and major facility improvements, have enabled the Court of Appeals to reduce both backlog and delay in the appellate process.

Among the many significant accomplishments during the past fiscal year was the reduction of systemic delay. In the past, fully-briefed cases sometimes waited over six months before submission to the Court. By the end of the fiscal year, no fully-briefed cases were over three months old. In addition, the number of cases ready for submission has been drastically reduced and numbered only sixty-two cases at the end of the fiscal year. Despite a relatively high case load, the Court of Appeals will be able to maintain good docket control in the future due to gains made during fiscal year 1986/87.

Survey of State Case Load

With one notable exception, the filing of cases continued to increase throughout the state.

In the Supreme Court, the most significant increase in filings in some time was recorded. In particular, filings during this last fiscal year increased almost 12% over the preceding fiscal year. Although there was a concurrent increase in terminations by the Supreme Court, there remained a substantial number of appeals pending at the end of last fiscal year.

The notable exception mentioned above occurred in the Arkansas Court of Appeals where the number of appeals filed was slightly less than the same number for the preceding fiscal year. On the other hand, the number of cases brought to a conclusion during last fiscal year showed a dramatic increase of 17%. The result of these developments was a decrease in the number of appeals pending at the end of fiscal year 1986-87.

Finally, the number of cases filed in the general jurisdiction courts (circuit, chancery, and probate) continued to increase. Specifically, cases filed in all of these courts grew by approximately 3% over last fiscal year. However, that percentage of increase is, relatively speaking, a modest development. This minimal increase is a continuation of what was reported during last fiscal year. Although terminations in these courts also substantially increased, it was not sufficient to reduce the number of pending cases across the state. Those cases, which were pending at the end of this fiscal year, showed an increase of over 4%.

Municipal Courts

Amendment 64

Chief Justice Jack Holt, Jr. addresses a press conference to publicize support for Amendment 64.

The Municipal Court System in Arkansas was the subject of substantial constitutional reform during the past fiscal year. During the November, 1986, General Election, the citizens of Arkansas overwhelmingly adopted Amendment 64 to the Arkansas Constitution. This amendment increased civil jurisdiction in municipal courts from the antiquated limit of $300.00, to the more realistic monetary limit of $3,000.00.

The purpose of Amendment 64 is to provide the populace with a relatively inexpensive, and more expeditious, forum in which to litigate minor civil disputes. The provisions of the amendment became effective July 1, 1987. It is evident that our municipal courts will undergo a substantial influx of civil litigation.

Recognizing that prospect, the Judicial Department, in cooperation with an advisory committee of municipal court clerks, developed a manual for their use. The manual includes information concerning procedures to be followed in municipal court, as well as explanations on the proper methods of service, return of service, and other relevant matters. The manual seeks to encourage the use of similar forms throughout the state in municipal court. The municipal court clerks' manual represents an initial effort to lend some degree of uniformity to municipal court proceedings throughout the state.

Municipal Court Clerks attended a seminar to explain court procedures.

Subsequent to the adoption of Amendment 64, it was necessary that a legislative package be adopted to implement certain provisions of that amendment. A legislative subcommittee chaired by Representative David Matthews, and with members Senator Stanley Russ and Representative Shirley Calhoun, met on several occasions with judges, clerks, and representatives of the Judicial Department. The resulting legislation, Act 430 and Act 431 of 1987, provided guidance in the implementation of Amendment 64. Of particular interest, the legislation mandated that each municipal court have a small claims division within their court. Small claims division is available for the use of non-lawyer litigants, thereby meeting the purpose of Amendment 64. Additionally, for the first time, uniform filing fees were enacted for all the municipal courts in the state.

Judicial Personnel

The Judicial Apportionment Board, which was created during the 1985 General Assembly, considered a large number of requests for additional judgeships, or, re-districting of existing judicial boundaries. Under the Arkansas Constitution, the General Assembly has the responsibility of making decisions in connection with such requests. The Judicial Apportionment Board is created by the Legislature to assist in the deliberative process.

The Apportionment Board recommended the creation of six additional judgeships. This comparatively large additional complement of judges recognized, in the Board's opinion, the need for such judges in light of the continuing increase in filing of cases in general jurisdiction courts.

This continued growth in filings, along with additional case processing requirements placed on general jurisdiction judges, caused many judges to employ case coordinators. Such arrangements must be made on a local level with payment by the various counties in a particular district. At this writing, Judicial Department records reflect that 49 judges have full-time secretaries/case coordinators employed. This represents a 10.2% increase for fiscal year 1986-87. The Judicial Department has continued to provide training and support for case coordinators.

Use of Computers

In the course of the annual report for fiscal year 1985-86, a reference to this subject was made. During the most recent fiscal year, utilization of computers, at all levels of court, has increased.

The computer system hardware acquired by the Supreme Court was fully installed during the course of fiscal year 1986-87. This included additional terminals for law clerks, extension of the system to the Court Clerk's Office, and inclusion of the Court of Appeals in the system. The system, known as a CPT-ODS configuration, has numerous capabilities.

Of principal interest, the computer will have the ability to store all previous Supreme Court and Court of Appeals' decisions. Through the use of the appropriate program, judges and law clerks will be able to conduct a complete search of previous decisions for relevant material. Efforts are under way to determine the most feasible method of entering that data base into the central processing unit. Additionally, this CPT-ODS system will have the capacity to record pertinent information on all pending cases, including age of cases. In this fashion, the justices of the Supreme Court will, for the first time, be able to monitor the flow of cases through the appellate process. Pending the development of that program, the Court of Appeals is utilizing a docket control system operated through a personal computer program. Finally, in the coming fiscal year, the CPT-ODS system will be programmed to provide assistance in attorney registration and notification, accounting, inventory, and perhaps, library management.

During this fiscal year, the general jurisdiction judges throughout the state continued to recognize the benefits to be derived from the use of a computer in docket control. Previously, the Judicial Department, with the assistance of a federal grant, had acquired hardware, and developed software, which was distributed to twelve circuit and chancery judges. The interest in this program has continued to grow. During this most recent fiscal year, the number of circuit and chancery judges utilizing a computer in docket control more than doubled, so that at the end of fiscal year 1986-87 thirty judges were involved. This number, coupled with the ten circuit and chancery judges in Pulaski County who utilize a central system, means that forty of our seventy general jurisdiction judges have access to a computer for docket control purposes. Efforts will continue to encourage the use of computers among our general jurisdiction judges.

The civil jurisdiction of municipal courts in Arkansas was vastly increased as a result of the adoption of Amendment 64 to the Arkansas Constitution. In preparation for the substantial increase in case load, many municipal courts also looked to computers as a management device. Several private vendors have developed software and are marketing their system throughout the state. A number of municipal courts have acquired computer systems during this past fiscal year and it is expected that the reliance on computerized docket control will continue to increase.

THE COURTS

APPELLATE COURTS

Bottom row (left to right); Justice Darrell Hickman, Chief Justice Jack Holt, Jr. and Justice John Purtle.

Top row (left to right); Justice David Newbern, Justice Robert Dudley, Justice Steele Hays, Justice Tom Glaze.

Supreme Court

Arkansas' highest appellate court is the Supreme Court, comprised of the Chief Justice and six Associate Justices.

The Constitution of 1874 sets forth the powers and jurisdiction of the Court and establishes in it "general superintending control over all inferior courts of law and equity . . ."

The members of the Court are elected to staggered eight year terms by the voters of the State. The Governor fills any vacancies on the Court by appointment. When necessary, a special justice is appointed by the Governor in cases where a member of the Court recuses, and it is decided that the participation of a special justice would be required for the Court to render a decision. Special justices who served during 1986-87 were: Thomas Burke and Thomas S. Streetman.

Justice Tom Glaze was elected to the Court in November, 1986 and was sworn in as the Court's newest member in January, 1987. Justice Glaze was elected to the seat held by George Rose Smith before his retirement.

The workload of the Court is measured in terms of appeals, petitions and motions (excluding those for time extension) of which final disposition is made during the fiscal year.

Appeals filed in the Supreme Court totaled 459 for the 1986-87 fiscal year, an increase of 11.7% from the previous fiscal year. Appeals terminated during the fiscal year totaled 416, an increase of 30% from the 1985-86 fiscal year. Petitions filed for the same time period numbered 438, an increase of 16.5% from the previous fiscal year. Petitions terminated during the fiscal year totaled 421, an increase of 9.1% from the previous fiscal year.

There were 207 appeals and 43 petitions pending at the end of fiscal year 1986-87. The 207 appeals pending represent a 26.2% increase from the previous reporting period.

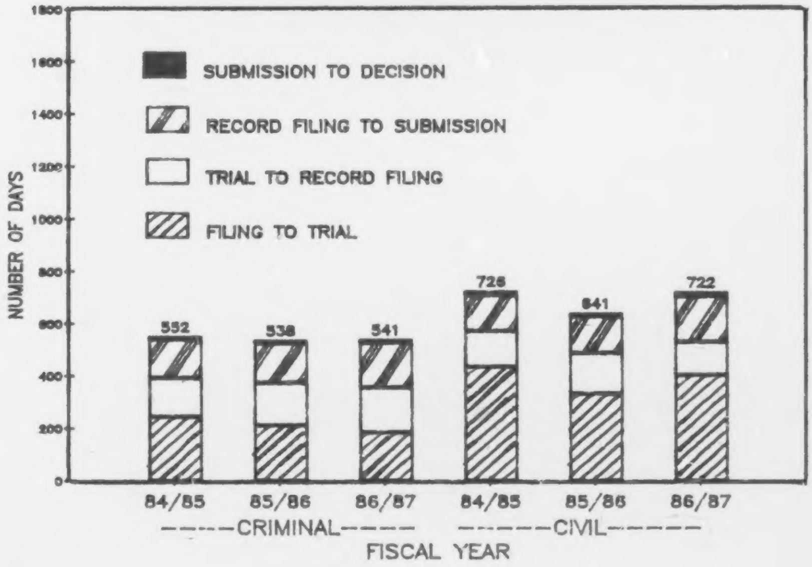
Supreme Court Time Study

For the 1986-87 fiscal year a total of 131 criminal cases were surveyed. Nineteen of these were decided after oral arguments. For these cases, it took an average of 635 days to process each case from filing in lower court through appeal. Of the 112 cases surveyed without oral arguments, an average of 541 days elapsed from filing in circuit court to decision by the Supreme Court.

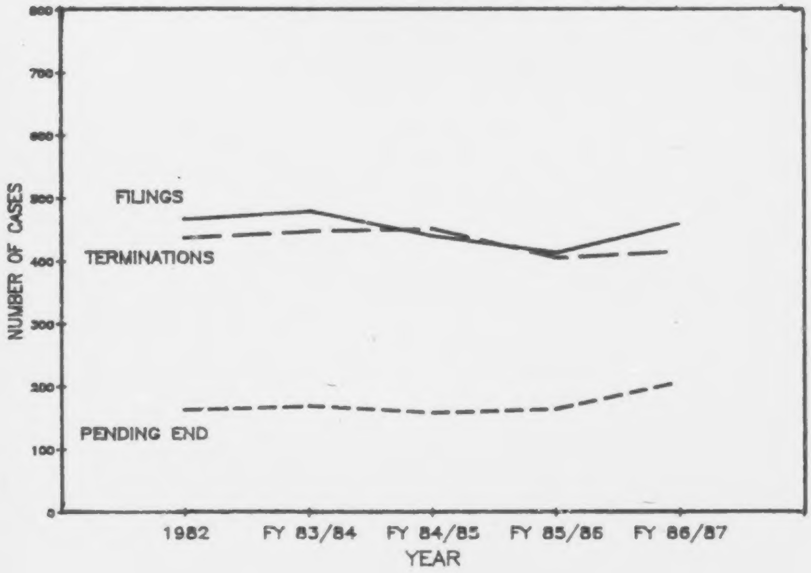
A total of 111 civil cases were surveyed for the 1986-87 fiscal year. Thirty-one of these cases were decided after oral arguments. For these cases, it took an average of 772 days to process each case from filing in lower court through appeal. Of the 80 cases surveyed without oral arguments, an average of 722 days elapsed from filing to decision by the Supreme Court.

It is important to note that, on the average, approximately 70% of the time taken to process each case being appealed is spent in the lower trial court. The remaining 30% is the time that each case spends in either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals.

SUPREME COURT TIME STUDY THREE YEAR COMPARISON CASES WITHOUT ORAL ARGUMENTS



SUPREME COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY 1982 - FY 86/87



Bottom row (left to right); Judge George Cracraft, Chief Judge Don Corbin and Judge Beth Gladden Coulson.

Top row (left to right); Judge John Jennings, Judge Jim Cooper and Judge Melvin Mayfield.

Court of Appeals

Amendment 58 authorized the General Assembly to establish an intermediate appellate court known as the Court of Appeals. This intermediate appellate court has helped to alleviate the tremendous caseload which burdened the Supreme Court during the early and mid-1970's.

The Court of Appeals is composed of a Chief Judge and five Associate Judges. The six judges are elected for staggered eight year terms from six geographical districts. Chief Judge Don Corbin was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for a term of four years subject to reappointment. The Court is divided into two panels of three judges each and any decision rendered by a panel is final, unless a single judge dissents, whereby the case is decided "en banc" by all six judges.

The Court of Appeals is authorized to correct errors in cases on appeal from the same trial courts which may appeal to the Supreme Court. Judgements of the Court of Appeals may be appealed to the Supreme Court when any one of three circumstances exists: the case was erroneously filed in the Court of Appeals; a case filed in the Court of Appeals is believed to be of paramount public interest and is "certified" to the Supreme Court; or the case was decided on a tie vote in the Court of Appeals.

Judge John Jennings was sworn in as a member of the Court of Appeals in January, 1987, replacing retiring Judge Lawson Cloninger. Justice Tom Glaze's election to the Supreme Court in November resulted the appointment of Beth Gladden Coulson to the Court of Appeals. Judge Coulson will serve as a member of the Court until the next general election.

One special judge, Ernest L. Wright, Jr., was appointed to serve during the 1986-87 fiscal year.

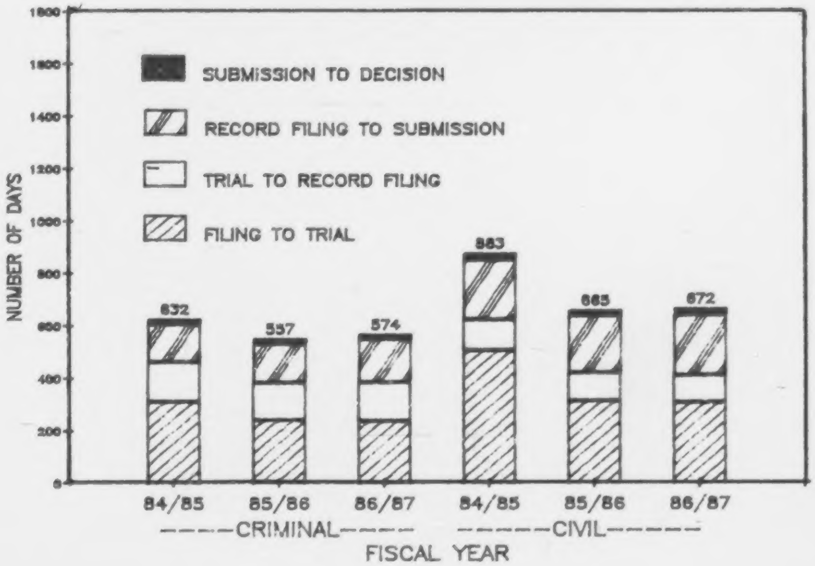
The workload of the Court of Appeals is measured in the same way as that of the Supreme Court.

Appeals filed in the Court of Appeals totaled 949, a decrease of .2% from the previous fiscal year. Appeal terminations for the 1986-87 fiscal year were 983, an increase of 17% from the previous fiscal year. Ninety-six petitions were filed in the 1986-87 fiscal year, showing an increase of 26.3% from the previous reporting period. Petition terminations for the 1986-87 fiscal year increased by 15% from 87 to 100. There were 426 appeals and seven petitions pending at the end of fiscal year 1986-87. The 426 appeals pending represent a 7.4% decrease from the previous fiscal.

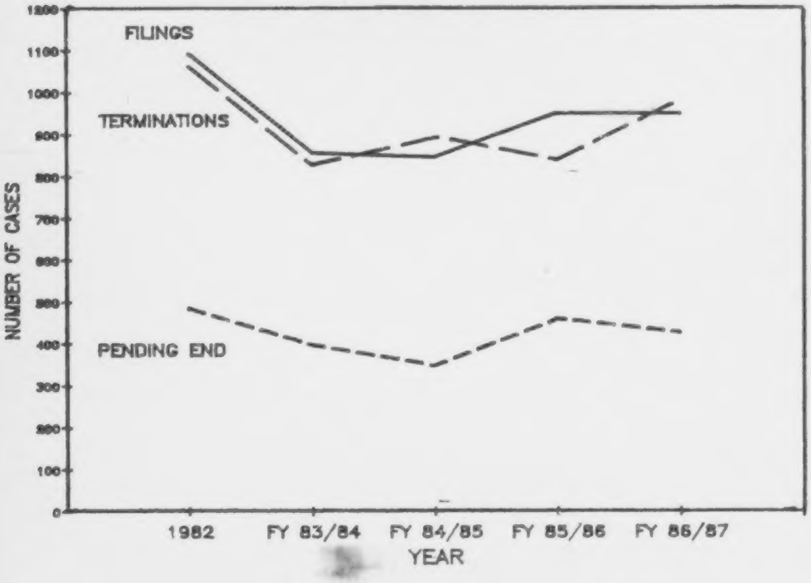
Court of Appeals Time Study

For the 1986-87 fiscal year, 175 criminal cases were surveyed. Twelve of these were decided after oral arguments. For these 12 cases, it took an average of 739 days to process each case from filing in lower court through appeal. Of the 163 cases surveyed without oral arguments, an average of 574 days elapsed from filing in circuit court to decision by the Court of Appeals.

COURT OF APPEALS
TIME STUDY
THREE YEAR COMPARISON
CASES WTIHOUT ORAL ARGUMENTS



COURT OF APPEALS
CASELOAD ACTIVITY
1982 - FY 86/87



A total of 401 civil cases were surveyed for the 1986-87 fiscal year. Forty-six of these cases were decided after oral arguments. For these 46 cases, it took an average of 729 days to process each case from filing in lower court through appeal. Of the 355 cases surveyed without oral arguments, an average of 672 days elapsed from filing to decision by the court of Appeals.

APPELLATE COURTS SUPPORT STAFF

Law Clerks of the Appellate Courts

Each judge for the Arkansas Supreme Court and the Arkansas Court of Appeals has two law clerks, all of whom are law school graduates.

Law clerks assist the judges in all phases of appellate work. They prepare memoranda on the cases submitted to the court in which they research and evaluate the issues raised by the parties. Some clerks work only on the cases assigned to their particular judge, while others do memos on additional cases submitted to the court. The memos are available to the judges before the cases are formally submitted, so that the judges have the benefit of the clerks' research when considering the cases.

After the cases have been discussed at a conference of the judges, the clerks may assist in opinion drafting and do any additional research necessary for the opinions. In addition, the law clerks may prepare memoranda on motions assigned to their judge, or on other motions submitted to the Court.

Law clerks also approve headnotes, proofread advance sheets and do any research for speeches or articles.

Justice David Newbern conferences each week with his law clerks and secretary. From left to right: Ann West, Pam Marshall, Valerie Denton and Justice Newbern.

Larry Jegley, Chief Staff Attorney for the Court of Appeals, reviews pending case with Rita Cunningham, Staff Attorney.

Court of Appeals Staff Attorneys

The Court of Appeals employs staff attorneys, in addition to their law clerks. The responsibilities of the staff attorneys differ notably from a traditional law clerk.

The staff attorneys assist the entire court by classifying and calendaring cases. Staff attorneys can aid in analysis of cases and arrange for the court to expeditiously deal with cases previously resolved or enable the court to consider different cases on the same issue simultaneously. Staff attorneys may also review case files and insure that pleadings are in order and that procedural rules have been met. If not, then the staff attorney can insure compliance before the case is submitted to the Court.

COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION

Circuit and chancery courts in Arkansas are the trial courts of general jurisdiction. The two courts have separate jurisdictions with circuit courts presided over by a circuit judge, who hears civil and criminal cases, and chancery courts presided over by a chancellor, who hears equity, divorce and child support cases and acts as the probate judge. The state is divided into 24 judicial circuits served by 32 circuit judges, 30 chancellors and 8 combined jurisdiction judges.

As was mentioned in the "Major Developments Section", during the 1987 General Assembly bills were enacted creating additional judgeships. In June, 1987 a circuit judge/chancellor was appointed in the Eleventh West Judicial Circuit. The legislation also called for elections in 1988 to fill the following positions: one circuit judge/chancellor in the Seventh Judicial Circuit; one circuit judge and two chancellors in the Sixth Judicial Circuit; and one circuit judge/chancellor in the Eighteenth East Judicial Circuit.

In fiscal year 1986-87, 124,279 cases were filed in Arkansas' general jurisdiction courts, representing an increase of 2.97% from the previous fiscal period. The percentage of increase in the circuit and chancery courts can be broken down as follows:

Cases Filed	**FY 86-87**	**FY 85-86**	**% Increase or Decrease**
Civil	36,401	35,747	+ 1.83%
Criminal	34,452	31,989	+ 7.70%
Chancery	42,022	41,826	+ .47%
Probate	11,404	11,137	+ 2.40%
Total-all courts	124,279	120,699	+ 2.97%

The courts of general jurisdiction disposed of 120,472 cases during this fiscal year, an increase of 5.96% from the previous fiscal year.

Cases Terminated	**FY 86-87**	**FY 85-86**	**% Increase or Decrease**
Civil	36,104	33,856	+ 6.64%
Criminal	32,793	30,186	+ 8.64%
Chancery	42,025	41,772	+ .61%
Probate	9,550	7,878	+21.22%
Total-all courts	120,472	113,692	+ 5.96%

The disposition rate compares the number of terminations to the number of filings. The disposition rate for courts of general jurisdiction was 96.94%, an average of 1721 terminations per judge. (See the disposition rates by circuit in the statistical section on page 49.)

There were 90,418 cases pending in the courts of general jurisdiction at fiscal year end, representing a 4.40% increase from the previous reporting period. These cases may be broken down as follows:

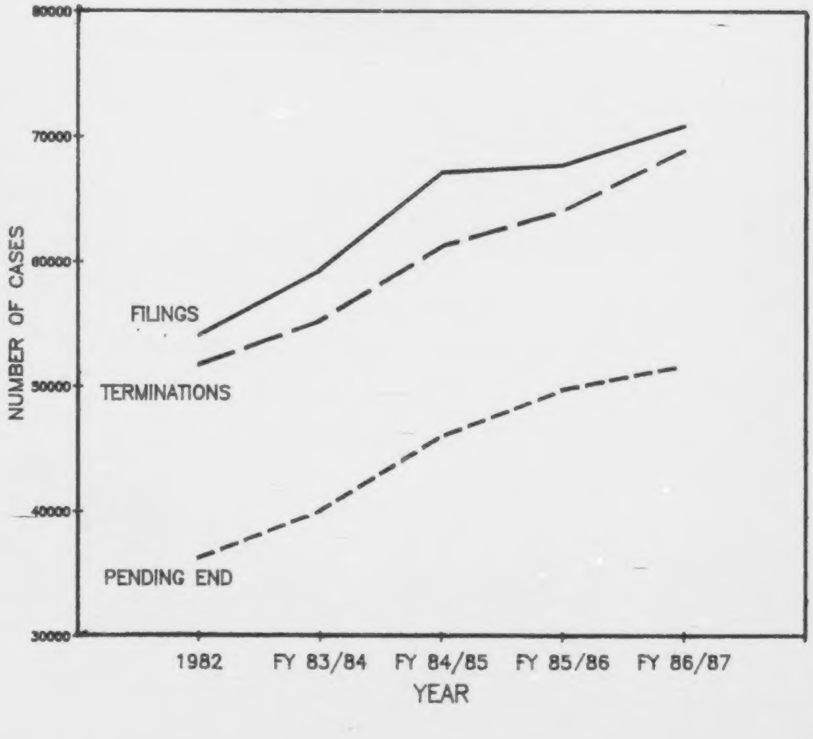
Cases Pending	**FY 86-87**	**FY 85-86**	**% Increase or Decrease**
Civil	25,175	24,879	+ 1.19%
Criminal	26,473	24,813	+ 6.69%
Chancery	22,246	22,249	– .01%
Probate	16,524	14,670	+12.64%
Total-all courts	90,418	86,611	+ 4.40%

Time Standards

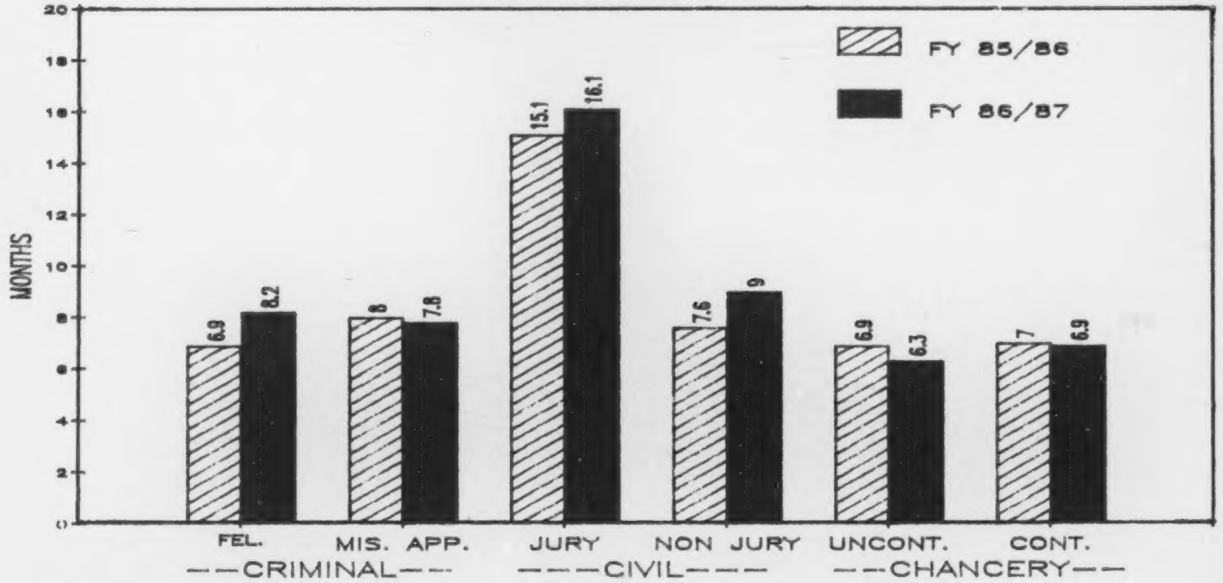
The chart on the following page compares Arkansas' court processing times for general jurisdiction courts. Processing time is defined as the average time it takes for a case or group of cases to be processed by the court system from filing to disposition. Time is expressed in months. The chart compares fiscal year 85/86 and fiscal year 86/87. Please remember that the figures presented here are statewide averages. Processing times vary widely by case and judicial circuit.

Generally, criminal and civil case processing time has increased. In chancery court, case processing time has decreased.

CIRCUIT COURTS
CASELOAD ACTIVITY
1982 - FY 86/87



STATE CASE PROCESSING TIMES
AS STATED IN MONTHS
FY 85/86 VS FY 86/87



Fel. = Felony
Mis. App. = Misdemeanor Appeals

Uncont. = Not Contested
Cont. = Contested

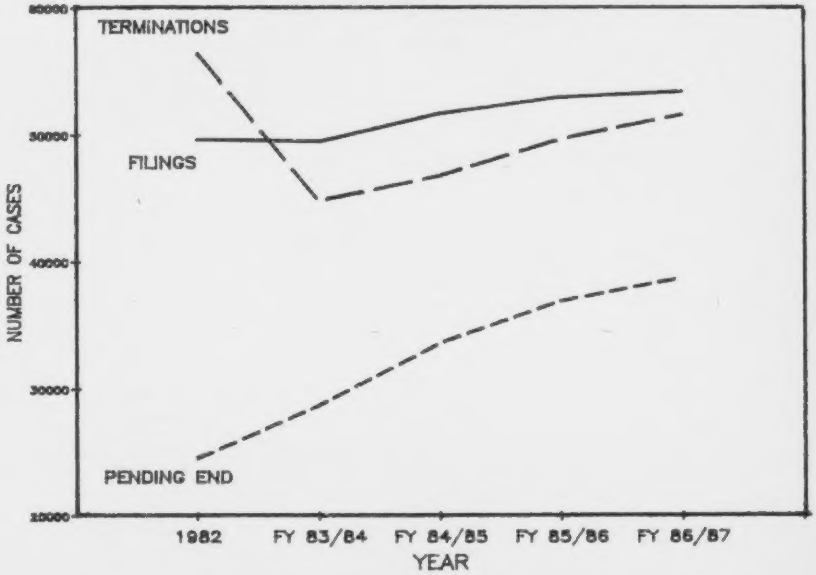
The chart reflects an increase in processing time of over one month for felony cases from last fiscal year to the present fiscal year. Misdemeanor appeals had a negligible decline.

Civil jury and non-jury cases reflect an increase in processing time. Non-jury cases increased by the larger amount of 1.4 months. Jury cases increased by one month.

Chancery cases reflect a decrease in average processing time with uncontested cases decreasing a little over one-half of a month. Contested cases decreased negligibly.

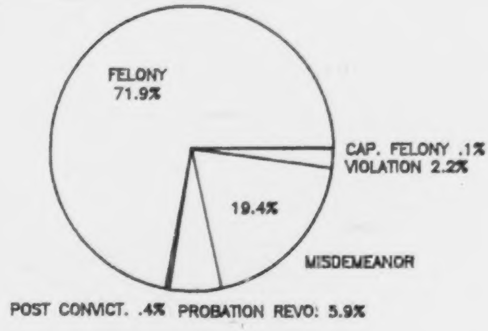
NOTE: It should be noted when examining the graph of chancery caseload activity that the sharp decline after 1982 was created by a change in reporting requirements for the probate courts.

CHANCERY COURTS
CASELOAD ACTIVITY (Including Probate)
1982 - FY 86/87



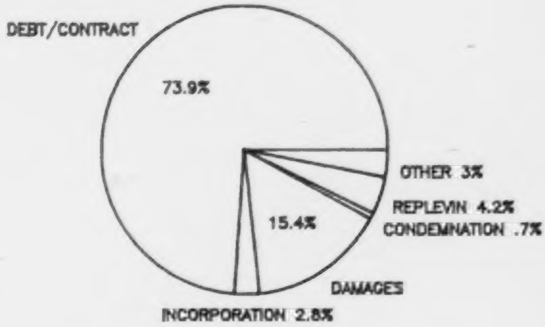
STATEWIDE FILINGS BY CASE TYPE
FY 1986/87
CIRCUIT COURT

CRIMINAL



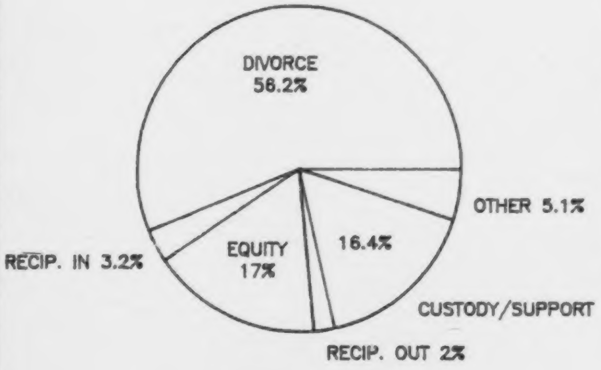
CRIMINAL CASES FILED (34,452)

CIVIL



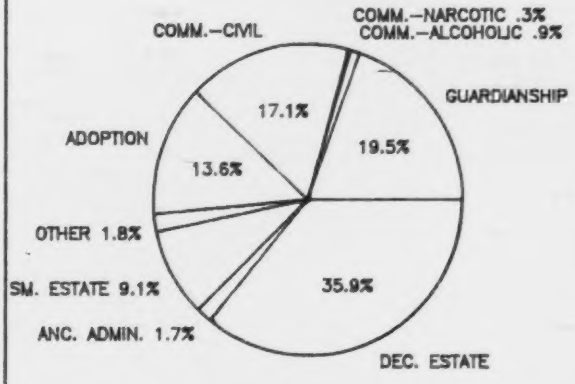
CIVIL CASES FILED (36,401)

CHANCERY COURT



CHANCERY CASES FILED (42,022)

PROBATE COURT

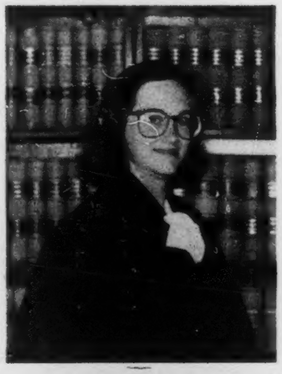


PROBATE CASES FILED (11,404)

GENERAL JURISDICTION JUDGES

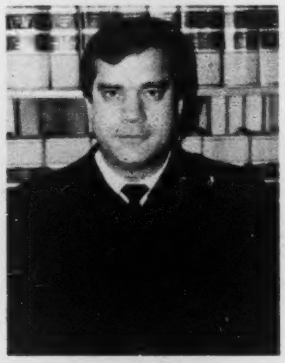
These general jurisdiction judges were elected or appointed to their positions during fiscal year 1986-87.

RICE VAN AUSDALL
Chancellor
2nd Judicial Circuit

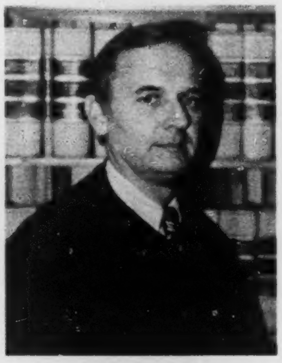


ELLEN BRANTLEY
Chancellor
6th Judicial Circuit

FRANCIS DONOVAN
Circuit Judge
20th Judicial Circuit

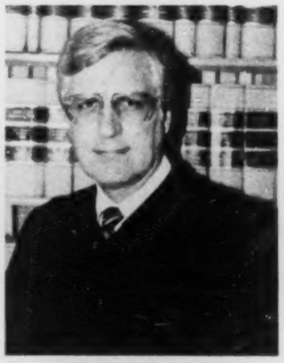


HAROLD ERWIN
Circuit Judge
3rd Judicial Circuit



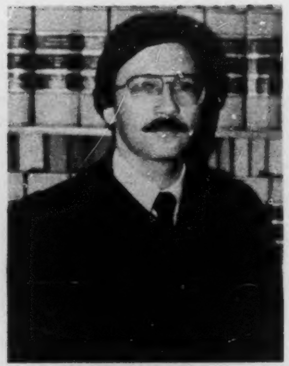
HARRY FOLTZ
Chancellor
12th Judicial Circuit

ROBERT GIBSON
Chancellor
10th Judicial Circuit

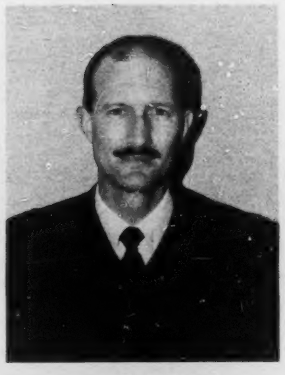


EDWARD JONES
Chancellor
13th Judicial Circuit

TOM KEITH
Circuit/Chancery Judge
19th Judicial Circuit



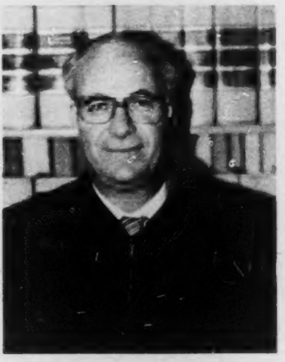
JOHN DAN KEMP
Circuit Judge
16th Judicial Circuit



STARK LIGON
Circuit Judge
10th Judicial Circuit

JERRY MAZZANTI
Chancellor
10th Judicial Circuit

OLAN PARKER
Circuit Judge
2nd Judicial Circuit



FLOYD "PETE" ROGERS
Circuit Judge
12th Judicial Circuit

KIM SMITH
Circuit Judge
4th Judicial Circuit

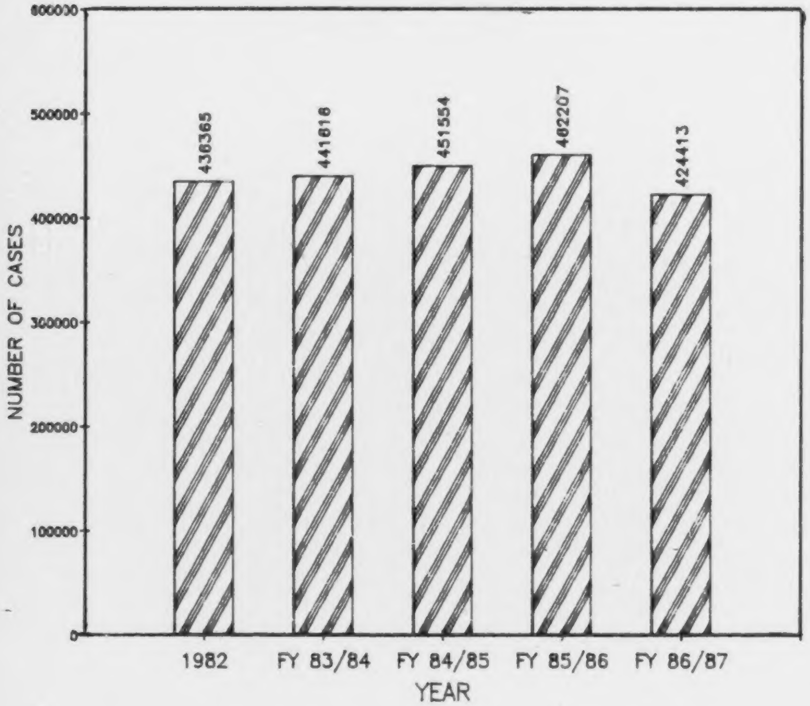
COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

The establishment of courts of limited jurisdiction is provided by the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. At present these courts include: municipal courts, county courts, courts of common pleas, city courts and police courts.

MUNICIPAL COURTS - Municipal courts in the State of Arkansas constitute the principal courts of limited jurisdiction and have county wide jurisdiction. These courts, presided over in most cases by part-time judges, handle a majority of the cases filed within the state. A municipal court can be established in one of three ways: in a "first class city" (those having a population of 2,400 or more); those cities that are the county seat; or by an act of the legislature. At present, there are 122 municipal courts in the state, presided over by 105 judges and assisted by 125 clerks. During the 1986-87 fiscal year the municipal courts of Arkansas reported 424,413 cases filed.

COUNTY COURTS - The county judge presides over the court and is also the business manager of the county. The jurisdiction and powers of the county courts include: original jurisdiction in all matters relating to county taxes, bastardy cases, paupers, apprenticeship of minors, and, in the absence of the chancellor from the county, the power to issue writs of injunction or restraining orders after an action has commenced. In the absence of the circuit judge, the county judge has the power to issue orders for injunctions.

MUNICIPAL COURT FILINGS
1982 - FY 86/87



JUVENILE COURTS - These courts were established in 1911 by the General Assembly. The court was originally presided over by the county judge, but in 1927 an act was passed to authorize the county judge to appoint a juvenile referee. On January 20, 1987, juvenile courts were declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court and subsequently became part of the circuit and chancery courts. (See "Major Developments" section.)

COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS - These courts are presided over by the county judges and are limited to civil actions in which the disputed amount does not exceed $1,000. Only thirteen counties in Arkansas are authorized to have courts of common pleas.

CITY COURTS - These courts, which number 94 in the state, function much the same as municipal courts with these exceptions: they are established in cities wtih a population of less than 2,400; they only have city wide jurisdiction; and the judge is not required to be an attorney. Established city courts are presided over by 83 judges, assisted by 94 clerks. In these courts, the judge is the mayor of the city.

POLICE COURTS - The jurisdiction in these courts is similar to that of city courts but the judge is elected as a judge, not as the mayor. Arkansas has 5 existing police courts.

THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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The Judicial Department is the administrative office for the non-judicial business of the courts. The staff consists of: Executive Secretary, Deputy Director, the Systems Division, Deaf Interpreter/Translator, Financial Officer, Legal Research Coordinator, Judicial Education Coordinator, Mental Health Magistrate and Foster Care Magistrate.

The Executive Secretary is responsible for assisting the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court with the administration of the judicial system. He also serves as secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Judicial Council.

The Deputy Director assists the Executive Secretary in all administrative functions and has the primary responsibility of monitoring the fiscal conditions of the courts.

Municipal Judge Alan Epley of Eureka Springs (left) assists Kim Moore (center) and Joyce Duran (right), Judicial Department employees, during registration for the municipal judges conference. Registering is Municipal Judge Leroy Froman of Searcy.

The Systems Division of the Judicial Department has the responsibility for the statewide judicial information system. The Division monitors the uniformity of the judicial statistics of the courts and makes recommendations to the Executive Secretary for improvement of the reporting and collection process.

Ben Houston and Beth Jose (standing), Data Auditors, review new computer programs with Ruby Lewis (seated), secretary.

The Systems Division also surveys the courts of record and compiles statistics reflecting their caseloads. In most instances, data is reported on paper forms completed in the clerks' offices and mailed to the division for computer entry. Several courts have begun utilizing computers and are sending reports on magnetic media, which can be fed directly into the computer.

The Deaf Interpreter/Translator is responsible for assisting the courts of the state in civil and criminal proceedings where deaf or hearing impaired people are involved. The interpreter is also responsible for developing training programs for other interpreters. During the 1986-87 fiscal year the Deaf Interpreter/Translator assisted in 93 hearings involving deaf citizens.

The Judicial Education Coordinator has the responsibility of planning and implementing seminars and programs involving the courts. During the past fiscal year, the Judicial Department has been able to assist with training to the Arkansas Judicial Council, the Arkansas Municipal Judges Council, court clerks, circuit and chancery case coordinators, juvenile referees and court reporters. The Coordinator has the added responsibility of editing the quarterly newsletter, *Friends of the Court*, and assisting with the preparation of the annual report.

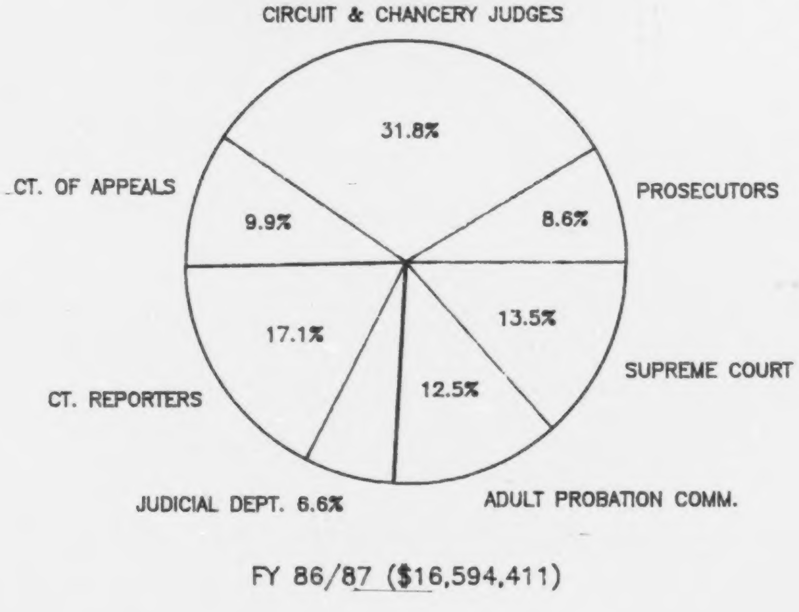
The Mental Health Magistrate conducts hearings at the State Hospital for the involuntary commitment of persons to the State Hospital. This court offers services to all counties in the state except for seven counties in the George W. Jackson Hospital "catchment" area in Northeast Arkansas. The caseload statistics of this office reflect 1,633 hearings docketed during FY 86-87, an increase of 31.9% from the previous fiscal year.

The Foster Care Magistrate hears cases where the Human Services Division of the Department of Social Services files a petition for guardianship in probate courts. The Magistrate has been appointed in 62 counties statewide and travels to the various judicial circuits to hold the necessary hearings. The Magistrate's caseload statistics for FY 86-87 reflect a total of 316 hearings, for an increase of 16.8% from the previous fiscal year.

COURT FINANCES

The state portion of the FY86-87 funding for courts is $16,594,411. This covers only those costs that are considered a state responsibility. The state assumes salaries and expenses for circuit and chancery judges, court reporters and prosecuting attorneys. The cost of operating the Judicial Department, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals is borne entirely by the state. This cost includes salaries and all other expenses related to the operation of their offices. The state assumes partial responsibility for funding the Adult Probation Commission. The remainder of court funding is provided by county and city government.

ARKANSAS JUDICIARY
STATE LEVEL BUDGET SUMMARY



FY 86/87 ($16,594,411)

COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COUNCILS AND COMMISSIONS
FISCAL YEAR 1986-87

SUPREME COURT COMMITTEES

(Appointed by Supreme Court through per curiam order)

Committees on Rules of Pleading, Practice and Procedure

The Supreme Court has appointed two committees to advise the Court on changes to the Rules of Criminal and Civil Procedure in all courts of the state and to prescribe the time and manner of taking appeals. The committees are to serve as a vehicle for continuous study and review of the rules.

Members of the Civil Procedure Committee are: Henry Wilkinson, Chairman; David Blair, Thomas Butt, William Enfield, John Gill, Wendall Hall, Phillip Hicky, Frank Huckaba, Stephen Matthews, Jim Gunter, Dennis Shackleford, William Sutton, Walter Cox, Kenneth Gould and William Wilson, Jr. John Watkins is the official reporter for this committee.

Members of the Criminal Procedure Committee are: William Enfield, Chairman; William Allen, Robert Edwards, John Fogleman, Ray Hartenstein, Ray Guzman, Stevan Vowell, Philip Purifoy, James Ross, Jr., Robert Williams and Steele Hays. Samuel Perroni is the official reporter for this committee.

Committees on Model Jury Instructions

Two committees exist which are charged with the preparation of Model Jury Instructions, the Committee on Civil Jury Instructions and the Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions. Both committees remain active for the purpose of updating and revising the instructions as needed.

Members of the Civil Jury Instructions Committee are: Winslow Drummond, Chairman; Philip Anderson, Jr., W.H. Arnold, David Blair, Phillip Carroll, John Everett, Robert Jones, Jr., James McKenzie, Dale Price, Jacob Sharp, Jr., George Rose Smith, Floyd Thomas, Jr., Henry Woods, Tilden Wright, III, Paul Young and Justice Tom Glaze.

Members of the Criminal Jury Instructions Committee are: Wayne Matthews, Chairman; George Rose Smith, Gerald Brown, William Enfield, Jack Lessenberry, John Calhoun, Ray Guzman, Steve Engstrom, Frank Newell, Frederick Ursery, Tom Carpenter, Larry Carpenter and Justice Tom Glaze.

Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners

The Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners was established in 1983. This board has the primary responsibility of implementing and administering the rules and regulations of the Court Reporter Certification Program.

The Board is composed of seven members who are appointed by the Supreme Court. Four of the members are judges of the General Jurisdiction or Appellate Courts, and the remaining three members are court reporters. The members are appointed for a term of 3 years.

The members of the board are: Charles H. Eddy, Chairman; Gayle Ford, Jerry Mazzanti, Jack Lessenberry, Maude Parkman, Allen Hill and Joan Porter.

Board of Legal Specialization

The Board of Legal Specialization is responsible for the drafting, publishing, implementation and enforcement of the standards, rules and regulations that govern how attorneys may represent themselves to the public as specialists in one or more fields of law or law practice.

The members of the Board are: Tim Boe, Chairman; Richard Hatfield, Larry Yancey, Toney McMillan, Oliver Clegg, Charles Ledbetter, Bill Penix and Thomas Burke.

The Advisory Commission is composed of: George McClure, Chairman; Laverne Feaster, James Sloan, Carol Williams and Fred I. Brown.

Client Security Fund Committee

This Committee is authorized to consider claims of clients who have suffered losses by reason of dishonesty of attorneys who represented them. The committee is authorized to pay such claims (within limits) from a fund established by the Court and supported by a portion of the annual license fee. The committee is comprised of five members. One member is appointed at large and the remainder from each Congressional District. The members are: Bobby Shepherd, Chairman; James King, Donald Raney, Meredith Catlett and Dewain Hodge.

Committee on Professional Conduct

The Committee on Professional Conduct receives and investigates complaints against attorneys who are charged with professional misconduct. Activity of this committee is financed by a portion of the annual license fees.

Members of the committee are appointed by the Supreme Court to serve seven year terms. The committee is comprised of seven members. One is appointed from each Congressional District and three are appointed at large. Members of the committee are: Beryl Smith, Chairman; Sam Ed Gibson, Gary Isbell, Damon Young, Susan Miller, Nancy Wood and Darrell Brown. Mike Gaines, the only full-time employee, is the Executive Secretary of the committee.

State Board of Law Examiners

This Board prepares the questions for the Bar examinations conducted twice yearly, grades the papers of those taking the examinations and certifies to the Court the names of those who pass. It also investigates and recommends applicants for admission by reciprocity.

Members of the Board are appointed for a term of three years. Two members are appointed from each Congressional District, with three members appointed at large. Hayward Battle is the Executive Secretary. Members are: Bill Bristow, Chairman; Gale Stewart, Garland Ridenour, Ronald May, E. Lamar Pettus, Robert Hargraves, James McLarty, Roy Stanley, Martin Gilbert, James Pilkinton, Jr. and Joyce Warren.

Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

This committee has the responsibility of receiving and investigating complaints against persons charged with practicing law without a license.

One member is appointed from each Congressional District. Three members are appointed at large. The at-large members of the committee are non-lawyers.

The members of the committee are: Zack Wilson, Chairman; Jerry Pinson, Kathleen Bell, John Graves, Mel Orender, Wayne Hartsfield and Ernest Matkin.

OTHER COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS AND BOARDS

(The following organizations, which are not created by Supreme Court per curiam Order, are active within the judicial branch)

Arkansas Judicial Council, Inc.

The Judicial Council consists of the Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, Judges of the Circuit and Chancery Court and retired judges. The Council was organized to foster and preserve the integrity, dignity and independence of the judiciary; to promote uniformity and dispatch in judicial administration; to develop, implement and maintain a program of judicial education for assisting members newly elected or appointed to the bench; to provide continuing judicial education for members, accommodating the diverse needs of chancellors, circuit judges and appellate justices; and to select members of the Judicial Retirement Board.

The Judicial Council meets in the spring and fall each year. During the meetings, educational presentations are provided and the subcommittees meet to discuss issues that might affect the Judiciary.

Officers are: Circuit Judge John Goodson, President; Chancellor Eugene "Kayo" Harris, Vice-President; Chris Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer.

Municipal Judges Council, Inc.

The Municipal Judges Council was formed as a voluntary organization to: promote the effectiveness of the Municipal Courts; to provide a comprehensive educational program for all the municipal judges to meet with their peers to discuss criminal justice problems and solutions.

The Municipal Judges Council meets annually in May. Educational topics are presented and a business meeting is held to elect officers and discuss issues that concern municipal courts.

Officers of the Council are: John Crain, President; David Hale, First Vice-President; and Leroy Fro[illegible] Secretary-Treasurer.

Judicial Retirement Board

The Judicial Retirement Board was created to determine the eligibility for retirement or disability of judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit and Chancery Courts.

The members of the Board are selected and serve at the pleasure of the State Judicial Council. The members are: Associate Justice Robert Dudley, Gayle Ford and John Graves.

Judicial Ethics Committee

The Judicial Ethics Committee was created in 1977 and became operational in December of 1978. The committee has the following powers and duties:

1) to investigate formal charges or complaints or alleged violations of laws, canons of judicial ethics, and the mental or physical disability of members of the Supreme, Circuit, Chancery and Municipal Courts which affect their competency or ability to perform the duties of their office.
2) to prepare and file with the General Assembly a bill of charges, specifying the misconduct or disability with which a member of the judicial branch is charged, whenever the committee believes there is probable cause for discipline or removal from office.

The committee is composed of five members, appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the House and the Senate Committee on Committees. The members of the committee are: George Steel, Jr., Jerry Cavaneau, Meredith Wineland, Dale Price and Don Smith. The committee employs an investigator, David Harrel.

Code Revision Commission

This commission, established by statute, is responsible for publishing amendments to the statutes of Arkansas. During the 1987 legislative session the name of the commission was changed to the Arkansas Code Revision Commission and its duties were enlarged to provide for continuing review, revision, codification and updating of the statutes.

Supreme Court appointees to the commission are: William S. Arnold, Chairman; Douglas O. Smith, Jr. and William H. Sutton. Other commissioners are: R.B. Friedlander, Lawrence Averill, J.W. Looney, Senator Mike Beebe and Representative J.L. Shaver, Jr. Vince Henderson serves as Director of the Commission.

Adult Probation Commission

The Adult Probation Commission was established to make probation services available throughout the state, to improve the effectiveness of probation services, to provide alternatives to incarceration and to establish uniform probation administration standards.

The commission consists of nine members, five of whom are circuit judges who hear criminal cases and four who are private citizens not employed in the criminal justice system. Members serve a term of six years. Commission members are: Michael O'Brien, Chairman; William Enfield, Cecil Tedder, John Langston, Hugh Lookadoo, Gayle Ford, James Haddock, Lucretia McDonald and H.W. Stewart, Jr. Linda Oldner serves as Director of the Commission.

COURT PERSONNEL

SUPREME COURT, LAW CLERKS AND SECRETARIES

Chief Justice Jack Holt, Jr.
- Lynn Stringer, Clerk
- Todd Williams, Clerk
- Haley Yaniger, Administrative Assistant

Justice Darrell Hickman
- Jana Cairns, Clerk
- Zachary Muncy, Clerk
- Hilda Thomas, Secretary

Justice John Purtle
- James Powell, Clerk
- Donna Welch, Clerk
- Linda Frasure, Secretary

Justice Robert Dudley
- Patricia Luppen, Clerk
- Susan Stevens, Clerk
- Dee Hickman, Secretary

Justice Steele Hays
- Dorothy Crookshank, Clerk
- Drake Mann, Clerk
- Joan Hunter, Secretary

Justice David Newbern
- Valerie Denton, Clerk
- Pamela Marshall, Clerk
- Ann West, Secretary

Justice Tom Glaze
- Lucille DeGostin, Clerk
- Brad Newman, Clerk
- Martha Williamson, Secretary

SUPREME COURT STAFF

Dona Williams, Clerk
Robin Henthorne, Chief Deputy Clerk
Janie Owen, Deputy Clerk
Christopher J. (Kit) Acklin, Deputy Clerk
Rae Warren, Deputy Clerk
Todd Griffin, Deputy Clerk
Jacqueline Wright, Librarian
Margaret Anne Beam, Ass't Librarian
Mary Alexis Meiburger, Library Technical Assistant
Clyde Calliotte, Reporter of Decisions
Marlo Bush, Assistant Reporter of Decisions
Sue Newberry, Criminal Justice Coordinator
Pam Dodson, Secretary

COURT OF APPEALS, LAW CLERKS AND SECRETARIES

Chief Judge Don Corbin
- Becky Blass, Clerk
- Mildrie Boellner, Clerk
- Marilyn Cuffman, Secretary

Judge George Cracraft
- Cindy Fearno, Clerk
- Curtis Hampton, Clerk
- Linda Wortsell, Secretary

Judge Jim Cooper
- Mike Spencer, Clerk
- Deborah Johns, Clerk
- Judy Cooper, Secretary

Judge John Jennings
- Millie Hansen, Clerk
- Pat Dolson, Clerk
- Sherry Craven, Secretary

Judge Melvin Mayfield
- Marian Epperson, Clerk
- Emma Jane Ohnemus, Clerk
- Mary Mayfield, Secretary

Judge Beth Gladden Coulson
- Bill Jones, Clerk
- Mike Rosenthal, Clerk
- Lesa Morgan, Secretary

COURT OF APPEALS STAFF

Larry Jegley, Chief Staff Attorney
Kathy Holt, Staff Attorney
Rita Cunningham, Staff Attorney
Leslie Steen, Chief Deputy Clerk
Melissa Fuller, Deputy Clerk
Denise Parks, Deputy Clerk
Greta Bivens, Deputy Clerk
Ray Allen Waters, Deputy Clerk
Debbie Garner, Secretary
Janet Dean, Receptionist

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT STAFF

Christopher Thomas, Executive Secretary
Jack Jarrett, Deputy Director
John Stewart, Chief, Systems Division
Angela Jegley, Foster Care Magistrate
Elizabeth Dowling, Mental Health Magistrate
Shirley Herald, Court Translator/Interpreter
Keith Caviness, Research Coordinator
Rose Stewart, Financial Officer
Kay Boothman, Judicial Education Coordinator
Jack Marks, System Analyst
Pete Neathery, Programmer
Eileen Parins, Data Auditor II
Dinda Hemphill, Data Auditor II
Elizabeth Jose, Data Auditor I
Ben Houston, Data Auditor I
Sue Blenden, Data Auditor I
Brandon Clark, Intake Officer
Melinda Amundson, Court Reporter
Kim Moore, Court Reporter
Karolyn Bond, Court Reporter
Nancy Jewell, Office Manager
Joyce Duran, Secretary
Ruby Lewis, Secretary

Note: All personel noted in this section reflect only those who were in employment with the judicial system during the 1986-87 fiscal year.

CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY JUDGES

CIRCUIT	CIRCUIT JUDGE	CHANCELLOR
1	Henry Wilkinson	John Pittman
	Harvey Yates	Bentley Story
2	Olan Parker, Jr.	Graham Partlow
	David Burnett	Howard Templeton
	Gerald Pearson	Rice Van Ausdall
3	Harold Erwin	Tom L. Hilburn
4	Mahlon Gibson	Thomas F. Butt
	Kim Smith	John Lineberger
5	John S. Patterson	Richard Mobley
6	David Bogard	Ellen Brantley
	Tom F. Digby	John Earl
	Jack Lessenberry	Lee A. Munson
	John W. Langston	Judith Rogers
	Floyd Lofton	
	Perry Whitmore	
7	John W. Cole	Robert Garrett
8	John W. Goodson	Jim Gunter
	*Philip B. Purifoy	
9-E	*Hugh Lookadoo	
9-W	*Ted Capeheart	
10	Paul K. Roberts	Jerry Mazzanti
	Stark Ligon	Robert Gibson
11-E	*Russell Rogers	
11-W	H.A. Taylor	Lawrence Dawson
	Randall Williams	Eugene Harris
12	John Holland	Warren Kimbrough
	Floyd Rogers	Harry Foltz
	*Don Ray Langston	
13	Harry F. Barnes	Charles Plunkett
	John Graves	Ed Jones
14	Robert M. McCorkindale, II	Roger V. Logan, Jr.
15	Charles H. Eddy	Van Taylor
16	John Dan Kemp	Carl McSpadden
17-E	Cecil Tedder	Jim Hannah
17-W	*Jim Burnett	
18-E	Walter Wright	John Robbins
18-W	*Gayle Ford	
19	William Enfield	Oliver Adams
	*Tom Keith	
20	Francis Donovan	Andre McNeil

*Circuit/Chancery & Probate Judge

COURT REPORTERS

Circuit	Circuit Reporter	Chancery Reporter
1	Charlene Chandler	Beverly Campbell
	Nancy Norman	Carla Kelly
2	Ralphalene Forbis	Margie Arwood
	Al Barnett	William Kisselburg
	Clyde Still	Cecilia Ragsdale
3	Evelyn Stackhouse	Anita Howard
4	Rita Goss	Darlene Taylor
	Karen Morrow	Bernice Bates
5	Johna Gibson	Ruth Teal
6	Nina S. Flack	Lana Carrier
	Patricia Toland	Jacqueline L. Bell
	Raymia Baucom	Bill McFarland
	Loretta Johnson	Maudine Dawson
	Ellen Kuciejski	
	Genie Power	
7	Lois Green	Sally Cox
8	Jewell Benson	Carl Arrington
	*Betty Voltz	
9-E	*Mary Dixon	
9-W	*Elizabeth McAlister	
10	Nan Coburn	Bobby Painton
	Mike Ashcraft	Marilyn Ashcraft
11-E	*Jill Barber	
11-W	Barbara H. Bryant	Phoebe Spharler
	Joan Williams	Nell Rose Wilson
12	Barbara Walker	Rebecca Kimbrough
	Wylie Brewer	Marilyn Green
	*Joan Douglas	
13	Marian Schmidt	Sherry Freeland
	Eloise Paulus	L. Sue M. Bell
14	Patti Honeycutt	Patty Frederick
15	Laverne Ball	Larry Shepherd
16	Fay Dilbeck	Patsy Newcomb
17-E	Allen Hill	Linda Goforth
17-W	*Kathy Minton	
18-E	Terry Jackson	Mary Hill
18-W	*Joyce Wolfe	
19	Kenneth W. Dover	Janis Hall
	*Joyce Cooper	
20	Carol Simmons	Rita Collums

*Combined Court Reporter for Circuit and Chancery

CASE COORDINATORS

Circuit	Circuit Coordinator	Chancery Coordinator
4	Saundra Gibon	Tamara Duncan
	Joan Lester	Cathy Gardisser
5	Roberta Golden	
6	Fonda Lyle 1st Div.	Beverly Hornibrook
	Veda Rutherford 2nd Div.	Bobbi Vinson
	Ann Wood 3rd Div.	Debbie Hall
	Adele Evans 4th Div.	Tommie Ellis
	Josie Lasater 5th Div.	
	Trudy Jacobson 6th Div.	
7	Melinda Nall	
8	*Mary Pankey	Donna Watkins
9-E	*Billie Coulter	
9-W	*Esther Capeheart	
11-E	*Stacey Sebree	
11-W	Eva Glover	Maria Lafferty
	Docie Peden	Shirley Stewart
12	Janet Smith	Jackie Railey
	Vicky Doss	Brenda Thompson
	*Carol Langston	
	**Denora Coomer	
13	Sandra Smith	
14	Barbara Lucas	Fran Lair
15	Pat McVey	Lea Ellen Witt
16	Donna Sullivan	
17-E	Lana Baucom	JoAnn Brown
17-W	*Jeannie Pack	
18-E	Debbie Lovelace	Jana Hawley
18-W	*Glenda Yahn	
19	Linda Jackson	Sidney Hewgley
	*Terri Womack	
20	Charlotte Garrett	Penny Blake

*Combined Coordinator for Circuit and Chancery
**Trial Court Administrator

COUNTY JUDGES AND JUVENILE REFEREES

County	County Judge	Juvenile Referee
ARKANSAS	Bobby Ashcraft	***
ASHLEY	Don Hartley	Tim Tarvin
BAXTER	Joe Dillard	Ron Kincade
BENTON	A.E. "Al" Norwood	Blaine Jackson
BOONE	Clifford Gale	Bill Doshier*
BRADLEY	Joe L. Fowler	Robert Garner***
CALHOUN	William "Bill" Wylie	Ronnie A. Phillips
CARROLL	Jack Beeson	Kent Coxsey
CHICOT	Paul G. Fisher	O.C. Burnside
CLARK	Jim Fisher	John Jackson
CLAY	Harry Niewald	Gary Garland
CLEBURNE	Harvey Adcock	Stephen Choate
CLEVELAND	Ron Curry	Ronnie A. Phillips
COLUMBIA	R.W. "Bob" Henderson	Rodney Chambers
CONWAY	T.J. Mahan	Bart Virden
CRAIGHEAD	Roy "Red" Bearden	William L. Howard
CRAWFORD	George Willmuth	Paul D. Gant
CRITTENDEN	Brian Williams	W.P. Rainey
CROSS	Roger Fisher	***
DALLAS	Wylie Faucett	Ronnie A. Phillips
DESHA	Bain L. Poole	Brooks Gill
DREW	Dale Hughes	Sam Bird
FAULKNER	Gerald Ward	***
FRANKLIN	Joe Powell	Gregory P. McKenzie
FULTON	Dowl Godwin	Jim Short
GARLAND	Bud Williams	Paul R. Bosson
GRANT	Roy E. Baxley	J. Larry Allen
GREENE	Jerry Shipman	Jon Williams
HEMPSTEAD	W.E. "Buddy" Smith	***
HOT SPRING	Ray Francis	Mark Roberts
HOWARD	Clyde Green	Edwin J. Alford
INDEPENDENCE	David Wyatt	Linda Boone
IZARD	Paul Weaver	Connie Barksdale
JACKSON	Bobby Miller	***
JEFFERSON	Earl Chadick	Jimmy D. Joyce
JOHNSON	Bobby Joe Wilkins	Benny E. Swindell
LAFAYETTE	Jesse Sanders	***
LAWRENCE	Elmer Gibbs	***
LEE	Kenneth Hunter	***
LINCOLN	Rita Shepherd	Mark Binns
LITTLE RIVER	Hoye Horn	John C. Finley, III
LOGAN	Bill Roberts	Brian Mueller
LONOKE	Don C. Spence	Joe O'Bryan
MADISON	Charles Whorton, Jr.	W.Q. Hall
MARION	Berry Burleson	Michael Kelly**
MILLER	Wiley Parham	Joe E. Griffin
MISSISSIPPI	Joe Gurley	Max Harrison
MONROE	Tom Catlett	***
MONTGOMERY	Ted Abernathy	William H. McKimm
NEVADA	Bobby Taylor	***
NEWTON	Alton L. Campbell	Thomas Martin**
OUACHHITA	Alfred Smith	John E. Gaughan, III
PERRY	George McNeal	***
PHILLIPS	A.Y. Gordon	John Anderson
PIKE	Harlon Duren	***
POINSETT	Steve Ryan	Patricia Van Ausdall
POLK	Wingo Johnson	James D. Stoker
POPE	William Abernathy	Dale Finley
PRAIRIE	Guyman G. DeVore	Robert Abney

COUNTY JUDGES AND JUVENILE REFEREES, cont'd

County	County Judge	Juvenile Referee
PULASKI	Don Venhaus	Vicky Sandage/Angela Jegley
RANDOLPH	Jim Andrews	***
ST. FRANCIS	Carol E. Cisco	B. Michael Easley
SALINE	Parker Johnston	Paul K. Lancaster
SCOTT	Larry Brigance	Donald Goodner
SEARCY	Duford Taylor	***
SEBASTIAN	W.R. "Bud" Harper	Ronald Harrison
SEVIER	O.H. "Rusty" Durham	Robert Lowery
SHARP	Franklin Arnold	***
STONE	Coleman Gammill	Jeff Dobbins
UNION	Mike Dumas	Michael Landers
VAN BUREN	J.D. Payne	***
WASHINGTON	Charles Johnson	Earl Hafer
WHITE	Waylon Heathscott	A. Watson Bell
WOODRUFF	John Davis	***
YELL	James Lee Witt	Randall Dixon

*Circuit Judge hears cases.
**Chancery Judge hears cases.
***Circuit and Chancery Judges hear cases.

CIRCUIT CLERKS AND COUNTY CLERKS

County	Circuit Clerk	County Clerk
ARKANSAS	Joan Pollard	David Powell
ASHLEY	C. Dean Nelson	Sarah Atkins
BAXTER	Arnold Knight	Arnold Knight
BENTON	Sue Hodges	Mary Lou Slinkard
BOONE	Helen Speer	David Witty
BRADLEY	Catherine Richardson	Ioma McKinney
CALHOUN	Harold Watson	Harold Watson
CARROLL	Jackie Bunch	Stephen Swofford
CHICOT	Gladys Hicks	Kathy P. Johnson
CLARK	Billy C. Williams	Lynda C. Franklin
CLAY	Gary N. Magee	Lavon Smart
CLEBURNE	Wetzel Stark	Wetzel Stark
CLEVELAND	John T. Reed	John T. Reed
COLUMBIA	Harold Rogers	Nell Marie Smith
CONWAY	Bobby Epperson	Jerry R. Scroggins
CRAIGHEAD	Pat Fleetwood	Harold Thompson
CRAWFORD	Linda Howard	Harold D. Loyd
CRITTENDEN	Mary S. Besett	Sallye B. Brady
CROSS	Vernon Horton	Joline Norris
DALLAS	Norma Castleberry	Norma Castleberry
DESHA	Gale M. Rowland	Brenda Smith
DREW	Vivian Harris	W. "Mike" Cavaness
FAULKNER	Sharon Rimmer	Ruben Goss
FRANKLIN	Janis Morris	Mary Williams
FULTON	Gene Maguffee	Gene Maguffee
GARLAND	Calvin Sanders	Nancy Jean Johnson
GRANT	Maurice Shoptaw	Maurice Shoptaw
GREENE	Mildred Gramling	Nadine Jamison
HEMPSTEAD	Carolyn Neel	Velora Haltom
HOT SPRING	Ralph Parrish	Carole Burns
HOWARD	Kay McClure	Shirley Dildy
INDEPENDENCE	Ron Webb	Margaret Boothby
IZARD	Charles Cheatham	Charles Cheatham

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County	Circuit Clerk	County Clerk
JACKSON	Donald Daniels	Geneva Leland
JEFFERSON	Dorothy Pearson	A.G. "Abe" Stone
JOHNSON	Betty Hardgrave	Elmo Cater
LAFAYETTE	Tom Stevens	Diane Fletcher
LAWRENCE	Carolyn Hayes	Vurnece H. Jones
LEE	Willa Dean Spath	Pat Wilson
LINCOLN	Vera B. Reynolds	Virginia B. Adcox
LITTLE RIVER	Helen M. Green	Delores Pullen
LOGAN	Debbie Williams	Sonja C. Fletcher
LONOKE	Mary Jane Hallum	Myrtle Finch
MADISON	Shirley Allred	Herbert Hathorn
MARION	Lois Stonecipher	Lois Stonecipher
MILLER	Judy C. Langley	Ann Nicholas
MISSISSIPPI	Donna DiCicco	JoAnn Morgan
MONROE	Phyllis Stinson	Janet E. Tweedle
MONTGOMERY	Jo Neil Morphew	Jo Neil Morphew
NEVADA	Louises Haynie	Nell Grifford
NEWTON	Clinton Daniels	Clinton Daniels
OUACHITA	Elizabeth Eppinette	Juanita Biggers
PERRY	Barbara L. Lovell	Barbara L. Lovell
PHILLIPS	Wanda McIntosh	Kay Benz
PIKE	Dian Henderson	Dian Henderson
POINSETT	Barbara Eastin	Ralph L. Walker
POLK	Linda Jones	Pat Myers
POPE	Juanita Barber	Don Johnson
PRAIRIE	Nancy Guthrie	Nancy Guthrie
PULASKI	Jacquetta Alexander Edward L. "Skip" Cullum	Carolyn Staley
RANDOLPH	Jack Wilson	Phyllis French
ST. FRANCIS	W.C. "Bill" Gatling	Dick Krablin
SALINE	James H. Seals	George Ramsey
SCOTT	Evelyn Ammons	Evelyn Ammons
SEARCY	Deris L. Adams	Deris L. Adams
SEBASTIAN	Peggy Watson	Betty Jaber
SEVIER	Ann Miller	Sandra Dunn
SHARP	Tommy Estes	Tommy Estes
STONE	Glenda White	Glenda White
UNION	Lorene Flenniken	Madelyn Atkison
VAN BUREN	Maurice Stoltzfus	Maurice Stoltzfus
WASHINGTON	Alma Kollmeyer	Marilyn Edwards
WHITE	Alice Barker	Mary Mann
WOODRUFF	Forrestine Taggert	Pat Rives
YELL	Carolyn Morris	Carolyn Morris

MUNICIPAL JUDGES AND CLERKS

CITY/County	Judge	Clerk
ARKADELPHIA/Clark	B.W. Sanders	Elizabeth Garner
ASHDOWN/Little River	John C. Finley, III	Ernestene Lewis
ASH FLAT/Sharp	Kevin King	Doris Wright
AUGUSTA/Woodruff	Ray A. Waters, Jr.	Tanya Baker
BATESVILLE/Independence	Roy Edward Thomas	Brenda Bobrosky
BENTON/Saline	Paul K. "Pete" Lancaster	Diane Mattison
BENTON COUNTY-WEST/Benton	Thurston Thompson	Julia Bowman
BENTONVILLE/Benton	John Skaggs	Caroline McElroy
BERRYVILLE/Carroll	H. Paul Jackson	Thelma Bohannan
BISCOE/Prairie	Gary B. Rogers	Carolyn Prince
BLYTHEVILLE/Mississippi	Max B. Harrison	Dorothy Besharse
BOONEVILLE/Logan	C. Richard Lippard	Marie Hill
BRINKLEY/Monroe	Larry Horton	Dot Glover
BRYANT/Saline	D. Derrell Davis	Dianne Pittman
CABOT/Lonoke	Lance Hanshaw	Marva Verkler
CAMDEN/Ouachita	Edwin A. Keaton	Corin Blackwood
CARLISLE/Lonoke	Joseph V. Svoboda	Vicki L. Elder
CHARLESTON/Franklin	Stephen A. White	Dorena J. Smith
CLARENDON/Monroe	Robert Serio	Tammy Ellis
CLARKSVILLE/Johnson	Len Bradley	Marlene Dugan
CLINTON/Van Buren	Stephen James	Liz James
CONWAY/Faulkner	Russell "Jack" Roberts	Shirley Garrett
CORNING/Clay	Guy Brinkley	Donna Ermert
CROSSETT/Ashley	W.P. Switzer	Teresa Stanley
DARDANELLE/Yell	Ken Helton	Linda Goocher
DeQUEEN/Sevier	Robert L. Lowery	Marceline Robinson
DERMOTT/Chicot	Don Glover	Linda B. Bolding
DeVALLS BLUFF/Prairie	Gary B. Rogers	Peggy Murphy
DeWITT/Arkansas	Claude Jenkins	Elizabeth Ferguson
DUMAS/Desha	L. David Stubbs	Mary S. Howard
EAST CAMDEN/Ouachita	Edwin Keaton	Ann Nordmeyer
EL DORADO/Union	Edwin B. Alderson, Jr.	Kay McVay
ELKINS/Washington	Ray Reynolds	Teresa Ruble
ENGLAND/Lonoke	Joseph Svoboda	Ruth Baker
EUDORA/Chicot	David Gillison, Jr.	Cecilia Jasay
EUREKA SPRINGS/Carroll	Alan D. Epley	Linda Clark
FAYETTEVILLE/Washington	Charles N. Williams	Michele Friend
FORDYCE/Dallas	Grady R. Colvin	Carolyn Lyons (City) Dana Hardman (County)
FORREST CITY/St. Francis	John D. Bridgforth	Peggy M. Long
FORT SMITH/Sebastian	John Settle	Martha L. Hallsted
GOULD/Lincoln	Murray F. Armstrong	Sharon Gasaway
GRADY/Lincoln	Murray F. Armstrong	Mary Ann Staggs
GREENWOOD/Sebastian	David R. Rogers	Beverly Bryan
HAMBURG/Ashley	Tim Tarvin	Mary Ann White
HAMPTON/Calhoun	Ron A. Phillips	Wanda Ivy (City) Diane Gifford (County)
HARRISBURG/Poinsett	Patricia Van Ausdall	Essie Arnold
HARRISON/Boone	Donald J. West	Jimmie Canady (City) Charlotte Stratton (County)
HAZEN/Prairie	Gary B. Rogers	Ellen Stewart
HEBER SPRINGS/Cleburne	Stephen Choate	Bonnie Caillouet
HELENA/Phillips	Edward Grauman	Mildred Sallis
HOPE/Hempstead	James H. Pilkinton, Jr.	Georgia Bledsoe
HOT SPRINGS/Garland	John Homer Wright	Hazel E. Gossett
HUNTSVILLE/Madison	W.Q. Hall	Susan Bates
JACKSONVILLE/Pulaski	Robert Batton	Martha Boyd
JASPER/Newton	Karen Walker	Mary Lou Breedlove
JONESBORO/Craighead	W.F. "Bill" Webster	Brenda Kaye Tyler

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CITY/County	Judge	Clerk
LAKE CITY/Craighead	W.F. "Bill" Webster	Paulette Smith
LAKE VILLAGE/Chicot	David Gillison, Jr.	Cecilia Jasay
LEPANTO/Poinsett	Steve Inboden	Linda Cockrell
LEWISVILLE/Lafayette	Patsy Robinson	Mary Joe Rogers
LITTLE ROCK/Pulaski	Allan Dishongh	Lee Ann Cissel
LITTLE ROCK/Pulaski	Bill Watt	Pat Buell Ison
LONOKE/Lonoke	Lance Hanshaw	Carole J. Tefteller
McCRORY/Woodruff	Richard Proctor	Sue Tiner
McGEHEE/Desha	Robert M. Smith	Delores Crumpler
MAGNOLIA/Columbia	Rodney T. Chambers	Diane H. Byerley
MALVERN/Hot Spring	William C. Gilliam	Shelia A. Crain
MARIANNA/Lee	Dan Felton, III	Bobbie Lou Allen (City) Mary Jo Caruth (County)
MARION COUNTY/Marion	Kenneth Smith	Kim Johnston
MARKED TREE/Poinsett	Burk Dabney	Mary Lewis
MARSHALL/Searcy	Jerry D. Patterson	Mary Lou Patterson
MAUMELLE/Pulaski	David Pake	Clare Salley
MELBOURNE/Izard	Connie B. Barksdale	Bonnie Rush
MENA/Polk	James D. Stoker	Lavena Rackley
MONTICELLO/Drew	William Daniels	Barbara L. Kemp
MORRILTON/Conway	James Scott Adams	Doris Coulter
MOUNT IDA/Montgomery	William H. McKimm	Martha Schueller
MOUNTAIN HOME/Baxter	John Crain	Anne L. Porter
MOUNTAIN VIEW/Stone	Jeff Dobbins	Lori Dobbins
MURFREESBORO/Pike	Jimmy L. Featherston	Mary Lingo
NASHVILLE/Howard	Edwin L. Alford	Marilyn Strickland
NEWPORT/Jackson	Ronald Winningham	Erma L. Poe
NO. LITTLE ROCK/Pulaski	Joel C. Cole	Deanie Dunn
NO. LITTLE ROCK/Pulaski	Dean R. Morley	Betty Mathes
OSCEOLA/Mississippi	Janet Moore Hart	Gloria Rapert
OZARK/Franklin	Joe Ramos	Patricia Brashears
PARAGOULD/Greene	Andrew Fulkerson	Mary Lou Gist
PARIS/Logan	David Cravens	Mona R. Bauer
PERRYVILLE/Perry	John W. "Buddy" Raines	Shandra Tipton
PIGGOTT/Clay	Guy Brinkley	Janie Brinkley
PINE BLUFF/Jefferson	Steve Dalrymple	Linda M. Burroughs
POCAHONTAS/Randolph	V. James King, Jr.	Elizabeth Penn
PRAIRIE GROVE/Washington	Robert Gladwin	Wanda Allen
PRESCOTT/Nevada	Duncan Culpepper	Judy Sullivan
PULASKI COUNTY/Pulaski	David Hale	Robert Jones
RECTOR/Clay	Guy Brinkley	Laura Foster
RISON/Cleveland	Sanford Beshear, Jr.	Cindy Beshear
ROGERS/Benton	Thurston Thompson	Pat Jacobs
RUSSELLVILLE/Pope	Dennis Sutterfield	Esther Shuffield
SALEM/Fulton	Jim Short	Verneal Braden
SEARCY/White	Leroy Froman	Linda Maddox
SHERIDAN/Grant	J. Larry Allen	Doris Ashcraft
SHERWOOD/Pulaski	Milas H. Hale	Barbara Collier
SILOAM SPRINGS/Benton	Stephen S. Thomas	Susan Glenn
SPRINGDALE/Washington	Stanley W. Ludwig	Ann Arrington
STAR CITY/Lincoln	Murray F. Armstrong	Sue Temple (City) Donna Boardman (County)
STUTTGART/Arkansas	Cecil C. Matthews	Vicky L. Cash
TEXARKANA/Miller	Joe E. Griffin	Valerie Buster
TRUMANN/Poinsett	Steve Inboden	Patti Talbot
TYRONZA/Poinsett	Steve Inboden	Ronald Hall
ULM/Prairie	Gary B. Rogers	Lorraine Doepel
VAN BUREN/Crawford	Gary Cottrell	Donna Parrish
WALDRON/Scott	Donald Goodner	Sandy Jones

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CITY/County	Judge	Clerk
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WEST FORK/Washington	John Mark Lindsay	Paulette Welch
WEST HELENA/Phillips	Jesse E. "Rusty" Porter, Jr.	Julia S. Adkins
WEST MEMPHIS/Crittenden	William P. Rainey	Debbie Austin
WHITE HALL/Jefferson	Charles S. Goldberger	Marilyn P. Duggan
WYNNE/Cross	Richard L. Proctor	Olive Bock
YELL COUNTY/Yell	Ken Helton	Linda Goocher

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CITY/County	Judge	Clerk
ALEXANDER/Pulaski	Willis Lewis	Tina Jordan
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ALMA/Crawford	Paul Gant	Ginger Bradley
ALTHEIMER/Jefferson	Charles Goldberger	Elsie Lybrand
ALTUS/Franklin	Joe Ramos	Patricia Brashears
AMITY/Clark	Hershel Pittman	Maurice Hancock
ARKANSAS CITY/Desha	Richard Bixler	Joyce Mangum
ATKINS/Pope	Dale Braden	Brenda Graves
AUSTIN/Lonoke	Lance Hanshaw	Janice Eddy
BALD KNOB/White	Whit Fowlkes	Pearlene Randall
BARLING/Sebastian	Ray Hodnett	Ronal Naffziger
BEARDEN/Ouachita	Paul Lindsay	Sue Jackson
BEEBE/White*	Thomas Hughes, III	Lillian Culwell
BRADFORD/White	Larry Killough, Jr.	C.M. Goad
BRADLEY/Lafayette	James T. Gray	Billie Gray
BUCKNER/Lafayette	Roy Z. Kimbell, Sr.	Roy Z. Kimbell, Sr.
BULL SHOALS/Marion	Judith Bearden	Caryl Thompson
CALICO ROCK/Izard	Connie Barksdale	C.R. Cantrell
CAMMACK VILLAGE/Pulaski	Dan P. Chiscolm	Sue Hall
CAVE SPRINGS/Benton	Darrell Marsh	Jo Ann Graham
COTTER/Baxter	John Crain	Becky Beauchamp
COTTON PLANT/Woodruff	Richard Proctor	Robbie Perkins
CRAWFORDSVILLE/Crittenden	William C. Howe	Julie Alpe
DAMASCUS/Faulkner	William Wharton	Roy Payne
DES ARC/Prairie	Elmer C. Clark	Shirley Greenwood
DIAZ/Jackson	B. Richard Allen	Jean Sullins
DOVER/Pope	Steve Gardner	Judy Petty
EARLE/Crittenden*	Billy Rogers	Gwendolyn Wright
ELAINE/Phillips	Edward Grauman	Charlene Keen
EMMET/Nevada	Dale Booker	Frank Prescott
FARMINGTON/Washington	Jim Rose, III	Margie Smith
FISHER/Poinsett	Daniel Barker	Freda Long
FLIPPEN/Marion	Kenneth Smith	Jean Marshall
FOREMAN/Little River	Wausita Hinton	Wausita Hinton
FOUKE/Miller	Virgil M. Roberts	Elizabeth Davis
GASSVILLE/Baxter	John Crain	Lynne Phillips
GILLETT/Arkansas	Carl J. Madsen	Sharon Beverburg
GLENWOOD/Pike	Phillip M. Clay	Phyllis Eskew
GOSNELL/Mississippi	Richard A. Reid	Janice Gray
GRAVETTE/Benton	John Terry Lee	Marty Burnett
GREEN FOREST/Carroll	Alan Epley	Janice Moore
GREENBRIER/Faulkner	Russell "Jack" Roberts	Zelda Holloway
GREENLAND/Washington	John Baker	Patricia Watkins
GREERS FERRY/Cleburne	R. Bryan Tilley	Donna Carnes
GURDON/Clark	Ricky Frizzell	Shari Harper

CITY JUDGES AND CLERKS, cont'd

CITY/County	Judge	Clerk
GUY/Faulkner	Russell "Jack" Roberts	June Lindsey
HOLLY GROVE/Monroe*	Raymond Abramson	Jeanie Helms
HORSESHOE BEND/Izard	Dwayne Plumlee	Sherry Southwell
HOXIE/Lawrence	Larry Hayes	Terrell Downing
HUGHES/St. Francis	Dr. G.R. Cullum	Len Bartee
HUMNOKE/Lonoke	William Reed	Ruby Teer
HUMPHREY/Arkansas	Charles Goldberger	Mary Montgomery
JOHNSON/Washington	John B. Baker	Julia Bowman
JUDSONIA/White	Donald P. Rainey	Margaret Smith
KENSETT/White	Watson Bell	Vivren Brown
LEACHVILLE/Mississippi*	Wayne Wagner	Tulula Cagle
LEXA/Phillips	J.E. "Rusty" Porter, Jr.	Carrie Woods
LINCOLN/Washington	Robert (Bob) Gladwin	Billie Barton
LONDON/Pope	Steve Gardner	Joyce Hazlepp
LOWELL/Benton	Thurston Thompson	Pamela Wright
McRAE/White	Clarence Phil Shoffner	Lela Tidwell
MADISON/St. Francis	Willard Whitaker	Alice Reese
MAGAZINE/Logan	Richard Lippard	Patricia McConnell
MANILA/Mississippi*	Wayne Wagner	Brenda Watson
MARION/Crittenden*	John T. Wilkinson, III	Sue Held
MARMADUKE/Greene	Don Taylor	Betty Jackson
MARVELL/Phillips	Garland Q. Ridenour	Ruth Yahnke
MAYFLOWER/Faulkner	Russell "Jack" Roberts	Earline Barnhart
MOUNTAIN PINE/Garland	David M. Switzer	Mabel Garner
MOUNTAINBURG/Crawford	Paul Gant	Phil Peters
MULBERRY/Crawford	Gary R. Cottrell	Margaret Berna
NORPHLET/Union	W.D. Green	Hazel Sturdivant
PALESTINE/St. Francis	John D. Bridgforth	Billy Shafer
PANGBURN/White	Whit W. Fowlkes	E.C. Edwards
PARKDALE/Ashley	Tim Tarvin	Diane Harrell
PARKIN/Cross	James C. Luker	Frank Riley
PATTERSON/Woodruff	Richard L. Proctor	Betty Curbo
PEA RIDGE/Benton	Thurston Thompson	Sandy Easley
PORTIA/Lawrence	Robert Crank	Benson Hart
POTTSVILLE/Pope	James Kennedy	Edie Deal
QUITMAN/Cleburne	Bryan Tilley	Virginia Battles
REDFIELD/Jefferson	Jim Simpson	Nancy Cogburn
ROSE BUD/White	A. Watson Bell	Marie Kahland
SMACKOVER/Union	J.H. Kinder	Diann Parker
STAMPS/Lafayette	C. Ed Cook	Sunshine Sutton
STEPHENS/Ouachita	V. Benton Rollins	Margie Wagnon
SULPHUR SPRINGS/Benton	Daniel Elrod	Elizabeth Newell
SUMMIT/Marion	Michael Kelly	Frances Holland
SUNSET/Crittenden	Alfred C. Battle	Delois Lewis
TAYLOR/Columbia	Charles Matlock	Dalton Allison
THORNTON/Calhoun	James W. O'Dell	Hartsel Cayce
TRASKWOOD/Saline	Ben Frank	Ben Frank
TUCKERMAN/Jackson	Steve Howard	Barbara Fields
VILONIA/Faulkner	Jack Roberts	Joyce Goff
WALDO/Columbia	Rodney Chambers	Gladys Baldwin
WARD/Lonoke	Lance Hanshaw	Jennie Sue Woods
WHEATLEY/St. Francis	Knox Kinney	Amanda Clifton
WILMOT/Ashley	Tim Tarvin	Mary Butler
WILSON/Mississippi	John Bradley	Otto Warhurst
WRIGHTSVILLE/Pulaski	Dennis L. James	Genia McGhee

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TABLE 1 SUPREME COURT APPEAL ACTIVITY

	APPEALS				TYPE OF TERMINATION			
	Pending Start	**Filed**	**Terminated**	**Pending End**	**By Opinion**	**By Dismissal**	**By Transfer**	**By Other**
APPEALS								
CRIMINAL	**82**	**175**	**177**	**80**	**170**	**3**	**3**	**1**
Felony	50	108	108	50	102	2	3	1
Capital	11	13	13	11	13	0	0	0
Post-Conviction	17	42	43	16	42	1	0	0
Misdemeanor	4	12	13	3	13	0	0	0
CIVIL	**82**	**284**	**239**	**127**	**199**	**20**	**18**	**2**
Law	54	186	152	88	130	11	10	1
Equity	20	80	67	33	52	7	7	1
Probate	8	18	20	6	17	2	1	0
Total	**164**	**459**	**416**	**207**	**369**	**23**	**21**	**3**

TABLE 2 SUPREME COURT PETITION ACTIVITY

	Pending		**Terminated**		**Pending**
	Start	**Filed**	**Granted**	**Denied**	**End**
PETITIONS					
CRIMINAL	**14**	**254**	**62**	**177**	**29**
Post-Conviction	6	97	8	77	18
Certiorari	1	18	12	4	3
Rehearing	1	33	0	34	0
Review	1	17	3	14	1
Rule on Clerk	5	72	34	36	7
Other	0	17	5	12	0
CIVIL	**12**	**184**	**24**	**158**	**14**
Certiorari	0	9	2	7	0
Rehearing	3	48	2	44	5
Review	2	36	3	33	2
Rule on Clerk	4	48	11	38	3
Other	3	43	6	36	4
Total	**26**	**438**	**86**	**335**	**43**

TABLE 3 SUPREME COURT WRITTEN OPINIONS

	WRITTEN OPINIONS				
	Majority	Concurring	Dissenting	Dissenting/ Concurring In Part	Total
Holt	71	0	1	0	72
Smith	39	2	0	0	41
Hays	69	2	13	0	84
Hickman	75	9	22	4	110
Purtle	65	10	59	3	137
Dudley	74	1	4	0	79
Newbern	72	7	8	0	87
Glaze	43	1	7	0	51
Special Justice	1	0	0	0	1
Subtotal	**509**	**32**	**114**	**7**	**662**
Per Curiam	379	0	0	0	379
Total	**888**	**32**	**114**	**7**	**1,041**

TABLE 4 SUPREME COURT DISPOSITION SUMMARY

	CRIMINAL					CIVIL				
	Post Conviction	Other Felony	Capital Felony	Misdemeanor	Sub-Total	Law	Equity	Probate	Sub-Total	Total
Affirmed	24	72	6	9	111	85	26	7	118	229
Reversed	3	5	1	0	9	7	8	3	18	27
Reversed and Remanded	1	4	5	0	10	23	8	1	32	42
Dismissed w/o Opinion	1	2	0	0	3	11	7	2	20	23
Affirmed/Part-Reversed/Part	0	2	0	1	3	2	1	0	3	6
Reversed and Dismissed	0	3	1	3	7	3	0	2	5	12
Dismissed with Opinion	6	3	0	0	9	8	2	2	12	21
Affirmed as Modified	1	4	0	0	5	1	3	0	4	9
Transferred to Court Appeals	0	3	0	0	3	10	7	1	18	21
Other*	0	1	0	0	1	2	5	2	9	10
Subtotal	**36**	**99**	**13**	**13**	**161**	**152**	**67**	**20**	**239**	**400**
Per Curiam Opinions	7	9	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	16
Total	**43**	**108**	**13**	**13**	**177**	**152**	**67**	**20**	**239**	**416**
Oral Arguments	3	13	3	2	21	34	9	3	46	67

*Included in this category are those opinions that were Affirmed in part, Reversed and remanded in part; Affirmed as modified and remanded; Modified and remanded; Affirmed and remanded; Consolidated with another case.

TABLE 5 COURT OF APPEALS APPEAL ACTIVITY

	APPEALS				TYPE OF TERMINATION			
	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	By Opinion	By Dismissal	By Transfer	By Other
APPEALS								
CRIMINAL	**94**	**245**	**219**	**120**	**194**	**7**	**18**	**0**
Felony	77	194	185	86	167	6	12	0
Misdemeanor	17	51	34	34	28	1	6	0
CIVIL	**366**	**704**	**764**	**306**	**467**	**80**	**61**	**156**
Law	245	510	523	232	273	53	40	156
Equity	111	179	224	66	182	27	16	0
Probate	10	15	17	8	12	0	5	0
TOTAL	**460**	**949**	**983**	**426**	**661**	**87**	**79**	**156**

TABLE 6 COURT OF APPEALS PETITION ACTIVITY

	Pending		Terminated		Pending
	Start	Filed	Granted	Denied	End
PETITIONS					
CRIMINAL	**9**	**30**	**0**	**36**	**3**
Certiorari	1	0	0	1	0
Rehearing	0	30	0	27	3
Review	8	0	0	8	0
CIVIL	**2**	**66**	**3**	**61**	**4**
Certiorari	0	4	2	2	0
Rehearing	2	56	1	53	4
Review	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	6	0	6	0
TOTAL	**11**	**96**	**3**	**97**	**7**

TABLE 7 COURT OF APPEALS WRITTEN OPINIONS

	WRITTEN OPINIONS				
	Majority	Concurring	Dissenting	Dissenting/ Concurring In Part	Total
Cracraft	116	4	0	0	120
Cooper	111	5	3	0	119
Cloninger	45	0	0	0	45
Corbin	117	1	3	0	121
Mayfield	102	7	4	0	113
Glaze	27	1	2	1	31
Jennings	63	3	1	0	67
Coulson	61	0	1	0	62
Special Judges	12	1	1	0	14
Subtotal	**654**	**22**	**15**	**1**	**692**
Per Curiam	12	0	0	0	12
Total	**666**	**22**	**15**	**1**	**704**

TABLE 8 COURT OF APPEALS DISPOSITION SUMMARY

	CRIMINAL			CIVIL				
	Other Felony	Mis-demeanor	Sub-Total	Law	Equity	Pro-bate	Sub-Total	Total
Affirmed	131	22	153	191	133	6	330	483
Reversed	0	0	0	5	9	1	15	15
Reversed & Remanded	13	1	14	49	9	3	61	75
Dismissed without Opinion	6	1	7	53	27	0	80	87
Affirmed/Part-Reversed/Part	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	5
Reversed & Dismissed	2	1	3	4	3	1	8	11
Dismissed with Opinion	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	6
Affirmed as Modified	6	1	7	6	8	0	14	21
Transferred to Supreme Court under Rule 29	12	6	18	40	16	5	61	79
Affirmed without Opinion	0	0	0	156*	0	0	156	156
Other**	6	0	6	8	18	1	27	33
Per Curiam Opinions	9	1	70	2	0	0	2	12
Subtotal	**185**	**34**	**219**	**522**	**225**	**17**	**764**	**983**
Other Per Curiam Opinions	14	0	14	8	6	0	14	28
Total	**199**	**34**	**233**	**530**	**231**	**17**	**778**	**1,011**
Oral Arguments	12	2	14	27	18	2	48	62

*Indicates cases heard on appeal from the Employment Security Division.

**Included in this category are those opinions that were:
Affirmed in part, Reversed and Remanded in part; Remanded for reconsideration; Reversed in part, Affirmed in part as modified; Affirmed on direct appeal, Affirmed as modified and Remanded on cross appeal; Affirmed on direct appeal, Affirmed on cross appeal; Affirmed and remanded in part, Reversed and dismissed in part; Affirmed and remanded; Affirmed on direct appeal, Reversed on cross appeal; Dismissed and remanded; Affirmed on direct appeal, Reversed and remanded in part on cross appeal; Remanded; Affirmed in part, Reversed and remanded in part on direct appeal, Affirmed on cross appeal; Consolidated with another case; Reversed and remanded in part, Reversed and dismissed in part; Affirmed in part, Reversed and dismissed in part.

TABLE 9 TOTAL CASES FILED - CIRCUIT COURT AND CHANCERY & PROBATE COURT

Year	Circuit Court	Chancery & Probate Court	Statewide Total
1977	35,848	41,512	77,360
1978	38,692	42,867	81,559
1979	42,549	43,879	86,428
1980	46,518	46,421	92,939
1981	48,280	49,165	97,445
1982	54,034	49,629	103,663
FY 83-84	59,280	49,416	108,696
FY 84-85	67,113	51,653	118,766
FY 85-86	67,736	52,963	120,699
FY 86-87	70,853	53,426	124,279

TABLE 10 STATEWIDE AVERAGE FILINGS PER JUDGE

Year	Circuit Court	Chancery & Probate Court	Statewide Total
1977	1,236	1,537	1,381
1978	1,334	1,587	1,456
1979	1,289	1,328	1,371
1980	1,410	1,407	1,409
1981	1,420	1,490	1,454
1982	1,589	1,504	1,547
FY 83-84	1,718	1,520	1,622
FY 84-85	1,918	1,565	1,747
FY 85-86	1,882	1,558	1,724
FY 86-87	1,968	1,571	1,775

TABLE 11 RANKING OF CIRCUIT COURTS BY FILINGS PER JUDGE

Rank	Circuit	No. of Judges	No. of Counties	Filings Per Judge
1	6	6	2	2,783
2	7	1	3	2,630
3	16	1	5	2,147
4	12	2.5*	2	2,111
5	11-W	2	2	2,076
6	2	3	2	1,943
7	4	2	2	1,927
8	18-E	1	1	1,855
9	19	1.5*	2	1,839
10	13	2	6	1,822
11	5	1	3	1,819
12	20	1	3	1,758
13	17-E	1	2	1,703
14	3	1	4	1,682
15	14	1	4	1,664
16	1	2	6	1,660
17	8	1.5*	4	1,575
18	15	1	4	1,563
19	10	2	5	1,242
20	9-E	0.5*	2	934
21	17-W	0.5*	1	886
22	11-E	0.5*	1	719
23	9-W	0.5*	3	657
24	18-W	0.5*	2	456

Statewide average caseload per judge: 1,968

*Indicates judge is Circuit Judge and Chancellor

TABLE 12 RANKING OF CHANCERY & PROBATE COURTS BY FILINGS PER JUDGE

Rank	Circuit	No. of Judges	No. of Counties	Filings Per Judge
1	6	4	2	2,442
2	18-E	1	1	2,302
3	7	1	3	2,101
4	15	1	4	1,928
5	19	15*	2	1,849
6	14	1	4	1,799
7	20	1	3	1,799
8	2	3	6	1,682
9	16	1	5	1,562
10	3	1	4	1,541
11	5	1	3	1,516
12	17-E	1	2	1,441
13	4	2	2	1,306
14	12	2.5*	2	1,295
15	1	2	6	1,252
16	13	2	6	1,206
17	11-W	2	2	1,202
18	8	1.5*	4	1,192
19	9-W	0.5*	3	840
20	10	2	5	814
21	17-W	0.5*	1	808
22	9-E	0.5*	2	580
23	18-W	0.5*	2	566
24	11-E	0.5*	1	473

Statewide average caseload per judge: 1,571

*Indicates judge is Circuit Judge and Chancellor

TABLE 13 CIRCUIT COURT AND CHANCERY COURT DISPOSITION RATE

	CIRCUIT COURT			CHANCERY COURT		
Circuit	Filings	Termi-nations	Disposition Rate	Filings	Termi-nations	Disposition Rate
1	3,320	3,313	94.31	1,801	1,738	96.50
2	5,829	5,689	97.60	4,051	4,159	102.67
3	1,682	2,041	121.34	1,148	1,182	102.96
4	3,854	3,397	88.14	2,233	2,284	102.28
5	1,819	2,011	110.56	1,184	1,065	89.95
6	16,698	16,745	100.28	7,495	7,621	101.68
7	2,630	1,875	71.29	1,718	1,755	102.15
8	2,362	1,930	81.71	1,374	1,149	83.62
9-E	934	924	98.93	421	559	132.78
9-W	657	789	120.09	680	713	104.85
10	2,485	2,380	95.77	1,261	1,207	95.72
11-E	719	661	91.93	347	339	97.69
11-W	4,153	4,272	102.87	1,901	2,014	105.94
12	5,277	5,598	106.08	2,633	2,559	97.19
13	3,644	3,388	92.97	1,807	1,780	98.51
14	1,664	1,571	94.41	1,384	1,331	96.17
15	1,563	1,662	106.33	1,613	1,585	98.26
16	2,147	2,364	110.11	1,215	1,463	120.41
17-E	1,703	1,460	85.73	1,194	1,200	100.50
17-W	886	1,041	117.49	660	510	77.27
18-E	1,855	1,651	89.00	1,752	1,739	99.26
18-W	456	397	87.06	435	444	102.07
19	2,758	2,165	78.50	2,231	2,169	97.22
20	1,758	1,755	99.83	1,484	1,460	98.38
Statewide Totals	**70,853**	**68,897**	**97.24**	**42,022**	**42,025**	**100.01**

TABLE 14 CIRCUIT COURT AND CHANCERY COURT PENDING CASES OVER TWO YEARS OLD

	Circuit Court		Chancery Court	
Circuit	Cases Pending	% Over 2 Years	Cases Pending	% Over 2 Years
1	253	9	476	27
2	234	6	507	20
3	156	12	38	5
4	327	11	4	0
5	30	2	222	23
6	1,098	14	107	3
7	594	20	110	9
8	264	15	56	6
9-E	32	5	24	8
9-W	44	11	18	5
10	375	17	267	27
11-E	14	4	7	3
11-W	123	6	7	1
12	366	9	35	2
13	399	14	53	4
14	32	3	28	4
15	77	6	14	2
16	111	8	122	15
17-E	7	0	5	1
17-W	23	5	31	6
18-E	34	3	20	2
18-W	33	10	27	11
19	123	6	34	3
20	172	13	176	17
Statewide Totals	**4,921**	**11**	**2,388**	**10**

TABLE 15 CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY & PROBATE COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY

	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Cross										
Criminal	88	361	279	148	22	132	9	7	5	82
Civil	279	248	330	197		110	57	30	15	-82
Chancery	380	331	329	382		142	63	177	46	2
Probate	139	80	61	158		57	46	55	35	19
Total	**886**	**1020**	**999**	**885**	**22**	**441**	**175**	**269**	**30**	**21**
Lee										
Criminal	112	94	86	115	5	71	40	4	3	8
Civil	138	156	158	136		93	27	16	12	-2
Chancery	234	162	251	145		69	40	36	25	-89
Probate	86	78	59	105		49	28	28	27	19
Total	**570**	**490**	**554**	**501**	**5**	**282**	**135**	**84**	**17**	**-64**
Monroe										
Criminal	193	161	185	117	52	80	29	8	7	-24
Civil	121	212	158	175		130	25	20	11	54
Chancery	130	158	184	104		66	30	8	8	-26
Probate	101	82	67	116		52	29	35	30	15
Total	**545**	**613**	**594**	**512**	**52**	**328**	**113**	**71**	**14**	**19**
Phillips										
Criminal	459	445	323	560	21	334	187	39	7	122
Civil	366	402	415	353		200	108	45	13	-13
Chancery	354	471	367	458		214	168	76	17	104
Probate	336	232	214	354		118	102	134	38	18
Total	**1515**	**1550**	**1319**	**1725**	**21**	**866**	**565**	**294**	**17**	**231**
St. Francis										
Criminal	352	426	450	157	171	120	34	3	2	-24
Civil	377	510	458	429		274	100	55	13	52
Chancery	409	543	470	482		227	114	141	29	73
Probate	269	176	175	270		105	76	89	33	1
Total	**1407**	**1655**	**1553**	**1338**	**171**	**726**	**324**	**288**	**22**	**102**
Woodruff										
Criminal	115	167	133	135	14	116	10	9	7	34
Civil	111	138	156	93		65	11	17	18	-18
Chancery	144	136	137	143		81	24	38	27	-1
Probate	101	56	41	116		43	37	36	31	15
Total	**471**	**497**	**467**	**487**	**14**	**305**	**82**	**100**	**21**	**30**
First Circuit										
Criminal	1319	1654	1456	1232	285	853	309	70	6	198
Civil	1392	1666	1675	1383		872	328	183	13	-9
Chancery	1651	1801	1738	1714		799	439	476	28	63
Probate	1032	704	617	1119		424	318	377	34	87
Total	**5394**	**5825**	**5486**	**5448**	**285**	**2948**	**1394**	**1106**	**20**	**339**

SECOND CIRCUIT

	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Clay										
Criminal	19	60	42	32	5	28	4	0	0	18
Civil	90	111	119	82		50	21	11	13	-8
Chancery	133	244	220	157		94	43	20	13	24
Probate	93	77	63	107		42	35	30	28	14
Total	**335**	**492**	**444**	**378**	**5**	**214**	**103**	**61**	**16**	**48**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Craighead										
Criminal	354	610	584	338	42	269	64	5	1	26
Civil	622	986	836	772		511	174	87	11	150
Chancery	779	1132	1135	776		410	159	207	27	-3
Probate	378	271	253	396		145	97	154	39	18
Total	**2133**	**2999**	**2808**	**2282**	**42**	**1335**	**494**	**453**	**20**	**191**
Crittenden										
Criminal	660	569	755	433	41	354	70	9	2	-186
Civil	374	664	664	374		275	72	27	7	0
Chancery	537	813	888	462		274	100	88	19	-75
Probate	269	210	190	289		115	89	85	29	20
Total	**1840**	**2256**	**2497**	**1558**	**41**	**1018**	**331**	**209**	**13**	**-241**
Greene										
Criminal	167	474	381	223	37	182	31	10	4	93
Civil	142	293	260	175		135	30	10	6	33
Chancery	319	437	531	225		162	45	18	8	-94
Probate	147	110	83	174		84	55	35	20	27
Total	**775**	**1314**	**1255**	**797**	**37**	**563**	**161**	**73**	**9**	**59**
Mississippi										
Criminal	416	812	792	272	164	223	38	11	4	20
Civil	271	592	569	294		219	62	13	4	23
Chancery	449	1041	1020	470		333	98	39	8	21
Probate	294	221	199	316		123	78	115	36	22
Total	**1430**	**2666**	**2580**	**1352**	**164**	**898**	**276**	**178**	**13**	**86**
Poinsett										
Criminal	301	351	409	227	16	126	71	30	13	-58
Civil	210	307	278	239		157	61	21	9	29
Chancery	336	384	365	355		160	60	135	38	19
Probate	120	105	69	156		67	44	45	29	36
Total	**967**	**1147**	**1121**	**977**	**16**	**510**	**236**	**231**	**24**	**26**
Second Circuit										
Criminal	1917	2876	2963	1525	305	1182	278	65	4	-87
Civil	1709	2953	2726	1936		1347	420	169	9	227
Chancery	2553	4051	4159	2445		1433	505	507	21	-108
Probate	1301	994	857	1438		576	398	464	32	137
Total	**7480**	**10874**	**10705**	**7344**	**305**	**4538**	**1601**	**1205**	**16**	**169**
THIRD CIRCUIT										
Jackson										
Criminal	417	279	455	178	63	95	50	33	19	-176
Civil	298	271	373	196		137	33	26	13	-102
Chancery	185	330	318	197		147	30	20	10	12
Probate	122	105	79	148		60	38	50	34	26
Total	**1022**	**985**	**1225**	**719**	**63**	**439**	**151**	**129**	**18**	**-240**
Lawrence										
Criminal	238	250	229	179	80	149	17	13	7	21
Civil	272	304	377	199		145	38	16	8	-73
Chancery	192	283	287	188		138	44	6	3	-4
Probate	109	89	75	123		51	27	45	37	14
Total	**811**	**926**	**968**	**689**	**80**	**483**	**126**	**80**	**12**	**-42**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Randolph										
Criminal	182	92	146	86	42	49	18	19	22	-54
Civil	156	189	196	149		85	36	28	19	-7
Chancery	189	322	359	152		124	25	3	2	-37
Probate	105	83	54	134		57	23	54	40	29
Total	**632**	**686**	**755**	**521**	**42**	**315**	**102**	**104**	**20**	**-69**
Sharp										
Criminal	105	115	89	118	13	74	33	11	9	26
Civil	132	182	176	138		107	21	10	7	6
Chancery	127	213	218	122		82	31	9	7	-5
Probate	103	116	74	145		77	28	40	28	42
Total	**467**	**626**	**557**	**523**	**13**	**340**	**113**	**70**	**13**	**69**
Third Circuit										
Criminal	942	736	919	561	198	367	118	76	14	-183
Civil	858	946	1122	682		474	128	80	12	-176
Chancery	693	1148	1182	659		491	130	38	6	-34
Probate	439	393	282	550		245	116	189	34	111
Total	**2932**	**3223**	**3505**	**2452**	**198**	**1577**	**492**	**383**	**16**	**-282**

FOURTH CIRCUIT

	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Madison										
Criminal	146	129	141	83	51	54	14	15	18	-12
Civil	70	80	81	69		38	25	6	9	-1
Chancery	57	201	205	53		47	5	1	2	-4
Probate	48	29	32	45		20	16	9	20	-3
Total	**321**	**439**	**459**	**250**	**51**	**159**	**60**	**31**	**12**	**-20**
Washington										
Criminal	2657	1931	1497	1355	1736	905	207	243	18	434
Civil	1203	1714	1678	1239		871	305	63	5	36
Chancery	615	2032	2079	568		515	50	3	1	-47
Probate	411	349	335	425		204	123	98	23	14
Total	**4886**	**6026**	**5589**	**3587**	**1736**	**2495**	**685**	**407**	**11**	**437**
Fourth Circuit										
Criminal	2803	2060	1638	1438	1787	959	221	258	18	422
Civil	1273	1794	1759	1308		909	330	69	5	35
Chancery	672	2233	2284	621		562	55	4	1	-51
Probate	459	378	367	470		224	139	107	23	11
Total	**5207**	**6465**	**6048**	**3837**	**1787**	**2654**	**745**	**438**	**11**	**417**

FIFTH CIRCUIT

	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Franklin										
Criminal	163	183	196	120	30	108	6	6	5	-13
Civil	52	148	140	60		58	2	0	0	8
Chancery	133	182	165	150		79	30	41	27	17
Probate	123	74	75	122		55	27	40	33	-1
Total	**471**	**587**	**576**	**452**	**30**	**300**	**65**	**87**	**19**	**11**
Johnson					40					
Criminal	209	168	265	72		66	4	2	3	-97
Civil	92	188	204	76		70	3	3	4	-16
Chancery	279	270	267	282		124	50	108	38	3
Probate	111	93	67	137		58	29	50	36	26
Total	**691**	**719**	**803**	**567**	**40**	**318**	**86**	**163**	**29**	**-84**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Pope										
Criminal	538	607	703	421	21	357	49	15	4	-96
Civil	247	525	503	269		233	32	4	1	22
Chancery	424	732	633	523		341	109	73	14	99
Probate	303	165	124	344		95	93	156	45	41
Total	**1512**	**2029**	**1963**	**1557**	**21**	**1026**	**283**	**248**	**16**	**66**
Fifth Circuit										
Criminal	910	958	1164	613	91	531	59	23	4	-206
Civil	391	861	847	405		361	37	7	2	14
Chancery	836	1184	1065	955		544	189	222	23	119
Probate	537	332	266	603		208	149	246	41	66
Total	**2674**	**3335**	**3342**	**2576**	**91**	**1644**	**434**	**498**	**19**	**-7**
SIXTH CIRCUIT										
Perry										
Criminal	91	49	61	76	3	44	32	0	0	-12
Civil	122	108	110	120		62	30	28	23	-2
Chancery	91	159	180	70		57	8	5	7	-21
Probate	82	43	36	89		25	15	49	55	7
Total	**386**	**359**	**387**	**355**	**3**	**188**	**85**	**82**	**23**	**-28**
Pulaski										
Criminal	2995	6776	6145	2450	1176	1952	251	247	10	631
Civil	5555	9765	10429	4891		3497	571	823	17	-664
Chancery	3225	7336	7441	3120		2705	313	102	3	-105
Probate	2411	2229	1947	2693		1103	682	908	34	282
Total	**14186**	**26106**	**25962**	**13154**	**1176**	**9257**	**1817**	**2080**	**16**	**144**
Sixth Circuit										
Criminal	3086	6825	6206	2526	1179	1996	283	247	10	619
Civil	5677	9873	10539	5011		3559	601	851	17	-666
Chancery	3316	7495	7621	3190		2762	321	107	3	-126
Probate	2493	2272	1983	2782		1128	697	957	34	289
Total	**14572**	**26465**	**26349**	**13509**	**1179**	**9445**	**1902**	**2162**	**16**	**116**
SEVENTH CIRCUIT										
Grant										
Criminal	94	73	62	103	2	52	39	12	12	11
Civil	130	171	156	145		91	36	18	12	15
Chancery	121	213	201	133		100	15	18	14	12
Probate	88	42	40	90		31	24	35	39	2
Total	**433**	**499**	**459**	**471**	**2**	**274**	**114**	**83**	**18**	**40**
Hot Spring										
Criminal	353	391	266	468	10	275	124	69	15	125
Civil	370	433	489	314		211	64	39	12	-56
Chancery	282	370	429	223		168	43	12	5	-59
Probate	284	113	97	300		79	70	151	50	16
Total	**1289**	**1307**	**1281**	**1305**	**10**	**733**	**301**	**271**	**21**	**26**
Saline										
Criminal	1107	735	241	1131	470	492	396	243	21	494
Civil	633	827	661	799		401	185	213	27	166
Chancery	783	1135	1125	793		507	206	80	10	10
Probate	402	228	225	405		159	101	145	36	3
Total	**2925**	**2925**	**2252**	**3128**	**470**	**1559**	888	**681**	**22**	**673**

TABLE 15 - cont'd

	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Seventh Circuit										
Criminal	1554	1199	569	1702	482	819	559	324	19	630
Civil	1133	1431	1306	1258		703	285	270	21	125
Chancery	1186	1718	1755	1149		775	264	110	10	-37
Probate	774	383	362	795		269	195	331	42	21
Total	**4647**	**4731**	**3992**	**4904**	**482**	**2566**	**1303**	**1035**	**21**	**739**
EIGHTH CIRCUIT										
Hempstead										
Criminal	272	439	459	234	18	203	24	7	3	-20
Civil	183	210	203	190		108	39	43	23	7
Chancery	187	373	346	214		170	31	13	6	27
Probate	110	118	59	169		91	35	43	25	59
Total	**752**	**1140**	**1067**	**807**	**18**	**572**	**129**	**106**	**13**	**73**
Lafayette										
Criminal	32	88	98	21	1	19	2	0	0	-10
Civil	51	79	85	45		33	8	4	9	-6
Chancery	55	159	138	76		60	10	6	8	21
Probate	76	60	49	87		31	20	36	41	11
Total	**214**	**386**	**370**	**229**	**1**	**143**	**40**	**46**	**20**	**16**
Miller										
Criminal	526	931	607	665	185	475	108	82	12	324
Civil	349	353	247	455		215	125	115	25	106
Chancery	332	675	503	504		333	137	34	7	172
Probate	314	189	131	372		136	90	146	39	58
Total	**1521**	**2148**	**1488**	**1996**	**185**	**1159**	**460**	**377**	**19**	**660**
Nevada										
Criminal	54	149	147	53	3	45	8	0	0	2
Civil	65	113	84	94		60	21	13	14	29
Chancery	94	167	162	99		73	23	3	3	5
Probate	70	47	37	80		29	24	27	34	10
Total	**283**	**476**	**430**	**326**	**3**	**207**	**76**	**43**	**13**	**46**
Eighth Circuit										
Criminal	884	1607	1311	973	207	742	142	89	9	296
Civil	648	755	619	784		416	193	175	22	136
Chancery	668	1374	1149	893		636	201	56	6	225
Probate	570	414	276	708		287	169	252	36	138
Total	**2770**	**4150**	**3355**	**3358**	**207**	**2081**	**705**	**572**	**17**	**795**
NINTH CIRCUIT EAST										
Clark										
Criminal	278	279	332	170	55	160	10	0	0	-53
Civil	222	383	397	208		155	25	28	13	-14
Chancery	299	289	405	183		115	51	17	9	-116
Probate	170	117	86	201		73	62	66	33	31
Total	**969**	**1068**	**1220**	**762**	**55**	**503**	**148**	**111**	**15**	**-152**
Pike										
Criminal	52	163	89	117	9	116	0	1	1	74
Civil	53	109	106	56		46	7	3	5	3
Chancery	108	132	154	86		70	9	7	8	-22
Probate	53	42	32	63		26	15	22	35	10
Total	**266**	**446**	**381**	**322**	**9**	**258**	**31**	**33**	**10**	**65**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Ninth Circuit East										
Criminal	330	442	421	287	64	276	10	1	0	21
Civil	275	492	503	264		201	32	31	12	-11
Chancery	407	421	559	269		185	60	24	9	-138
Probate	223	159	118	264		99	77	88	33	41
Total	**1235**	**1514**	**1601**	**1084**	**64**	**761**	**179**	**144**	**13**	**-87**
NINTH CIRCUIT WEST										
Howard										
Criminal	35	126	106	44	11	40	3	1	2	20
Civil	135	165	179	121		81	14	26	21	-14
Chancery	101	215	212	104		74	23	7	7	3
Probate	51	45	21	75		28	22	25	33	24
Total	**322**	**551**	**518**	**344**	**11**	**223**	**62**	**59**	**17**	**33**
Little River										
Criminal	48	83	95	36	0	28	8	0	0	-12
Civil	136	101	156	81		54	17	10	12	-55
Chancery	115	254	257	112		89	18	5	4	-3
Probate	68	72	32	108		54	16	38	35	40
Total	**367**	**510**	**540**	**337**	**0**	**225**	**59**	**53**	**16**	**-30**
Sevier										
Criminal	56	96	115	36	1	33	3	0	0	-19
Civil	112	86	138	60		41	12	7	12	-52
Chancery	128	211	244	95		72	17	6	6	-33
Probate	74	43	22	95		29	35	31	33	21
Total	**370**	**436**	**519**	**286**	**1**	**175**	**67**	**44**	**15**	**-83**
Ninth Circuit West										
Criminal	139	305	316	116	12	101	14	1	1	-11
Civil	383	352	473	262		176	43	43	16	-121
Chancery	344	680	713	311		235	58	18	6	-33
Probate	193	160	75	278		111	73	94	34	85
Total	**1059**	**1497**	**1577**	**967**	**12**	**623**	**188**	**156**	**16**	**-80**
TENTH CIRCUIT										
Ashley										
Criminal	256	219	185	241	49	182	37	22	9	34
Civil	369	403	378	394		200	86	108	27	25
Chancery	341	377	279	439		211	81	147	33	98
Probate	122	79	55	146		50	39	57	39	24
Total	**1088**	**1078**	**897**	**1220**	**49**	**643**	**243**	**334**	**27**	**181**
Bradley										
Criminal	120	127	113	116	18	91	12	13	11	14
Civil	129	188	179	138		80	29	29	21	9
Chancery	74	138	139	73		52	8	13	18	-1
Probate	68	51	42	77		30	25	22	29	9
Total	**391**	**504**	**473**	**404**	**18**	**253**	**74**	**77**	**19**	**31**
Chicot										
Criminal	407	318	370	256	99	174	71	11	4	-52
Civil	257	239	272	224		107	51	66	29	-33
Chancery	203	214	229	188		74	13	101	54	-15
Probate	105	85	56	134		50	35	49	37	29
Total	**972**	**856**	**927**	**802**	**99**	**405**	**170**	**227**	**28**	**-71**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Desha										
Criminal	227	317	276	215	53	190	17	8	4	41
Civil	207	205	190	222		117	34	71	32	15
Chancery	220	284	356	148		121	22	5	3	-72
Probate	98	84	45	137		60	35	42	31	39
Total	**752**	**890**	**867**	**722**	**53**	**488**	**108**	**126**	**17**	**23**
Drew										
Criminal	162	210	167	156	49	124	23	9	6	43
Civil	177	259	250	186		109	39	38	20	9
Chancery	75	248	204	119		104	14	1	1	44
Probate	89	69	52	106		42	17	47	44	17
Total	**503**	**786**	**673**	**567**	**49**	**379**	**93**	**95**	**17**	**113**
Tenth Circuit										
Criminal	1172	1191	1111	984	268	761	160	63	6	80
Civil	1139	1294	1269	1164		613	239	312	27	25
Chancery	913	1261	1207	967		562	138	267	28	54
Probate	482	368	250	600		232	151	217	36	118
Total	**3706**	**4114**	**3837**	**3715**	**268**	**2168**	**688**	**859**	**23**	**277**
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT EAST										
Arkansas										
Criminal	87	372	314	113	32	105	5	3	3	58
Civil	189	347	347	189		157	21	11	6	0
Chancery	196	347	339	204		173	24	7	3	8
Probate	224	126	126	224		83	42	99	44	0
Total	**696**	**1192**	**1126**	**730**	**32**	**518**	**92**	**120**	**16**	**66**
Eleventh Circuit East										
Criminal	87	372	314	113	32	105	5	3	3	58
Civil	189	247	347	189		157	21	11	6	0
Chancery	196	347	339	204		173	24	7	3	8
Probate	224	126	126	224		83	42	99	44	0
Total	**696**	**1192**	**1126**	**730**	**32**	**518**	**92**	**120**	**16**	**66**
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT WEST										
Jefferson										
Criminal	1466	2572	2787	772	479	665	54	53	7	-215
Civil	892	1388	1271	1009		673	270	66	7	117
Chancery	614	1686	1808	492		458	27	7	1	-122
Probate	345	464	403	406		196	103	107	26	61
Total	**3317**	**6110**	**6269**	**2679**	**479**	**1992**	**454**	**233**	**9**	**-159**
Lincoln										
Criminal	68	92	106	31	23	30	1	0	0	-14
Civil	74	101	108	67		51	12	4	6	-7
Chancery	84	215	206	93		83	10	0	0	9
Probate	36	38	34	40		20	9	11	28	4
Total	**262**	**446**	**454**	**231**	**23**	**184**	**32**	**15**	**6**	**-8**
Eleventh Circuit West	1534	2664	2893	803	502	695	55	53	7	-229
Criminal	966	1489	1379	1076		724	282	70	7	110
Civil	698	1901	2014	585		541	37	7	1	-113
Chancery	381	502	437	446		216	112	118	26	65
Probate	**3579**	**6556**	**6723**	**2910**	**502**	**2176**	**486**	**248**	**9**	**-167**
Total										

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
TWELFTH CIRCUIT										
	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Crawford										
Criminal	773	532	533	398	374	248	70	80	20	-1
Civil	404	437	502	339		217	66	56	17	-65
Chancery	391	809	724	476		344	119	13	3	85
Probate	149	145	121	173		81	56	36	21	24
Total	**1717**	**1923**	**1880**	**1386**	**374**	**890**	**311**	**185**	**13**	**43**
Sebastian										
Criminal	1875	2468	2485	1618	240	1301	242	75	5	-17
Civil	1601	1840	2078	1363		880	328	155	11	-238
Chancery	983	1824	1835	972		733	217	22	2	-11
Probate	495	459	306	648		298	183	167	26	153
Total	**4954**	**6591**	**6704**	**4601**	**240**	**3212**	**970**	**419**	**9**	**-113**
Twelfth Circuit										
Criminal	2648	3000	3018	2016	614	1549	312	155	8	-18
Civil	1005	2277	2580	1702		1097	394	211	12	-303
Chancery	1374	2633	2559	1448		1077	336	35	2	74
Probate	644	604	427	821		379	239	203	25	177
Total	**6671**	**8514**	**8584**	**5987**	**614**	**4102**	**1281**	**604**	**10**	**-70**
THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT										
Calhoun										
Criminal	14	78	66	25	1	25	0	0	0	12
Civil	103	86	65	124		48	28	48	39	21
Chancery	69	87	90	66		42	18	6	9	-3
Probate	21	21	18	24		13	7	6	25	3
Total	**207**	**272**	**239**	**239**	**1**	**128**	**53**	**60**	**25**	**33**
Cleveland										
Criminal	18	26	36	7	1	6	1	0	0	-10
Civil	56	86	53	89		54	17	18	20	33
Chancery	59	77	75	61		46	11	4	7	2
Probate	24	22	17	29		17	6	8	28	5
Total	**157**	**211**	**181**	**186**	**1**	**123**	**35**	**30**	**16**	**30**
Columbia										
Criminal	136	408	316	213	15	205	8	0	0	92
Civil	228	307	269	266		158	81	27	10	38
Chancery	218	339	344	213		159	46	8	4	-5
Probate	188	132	114	206		67	61	92	45	18
Total	**770**	**1186**	**1043**	**898**	**15**	**589**	**196**	**127**	**14**	**143**
Dallas										
Criminal	28	78	59	44	3	39	5	0	0	19
Civil	145	135	96	184		95	43	46	25	39
Chancery	96	104	99	101		54	29	18	18	5
Probate	76	42	37	81		33	28	48	59	5
Total	**345**	**359**	**291**	**410**	**3**	**221**	**105**	**112**	**27**	**68**
Ouachita										
Criminal	126	478	375	165	64	150	12	3	2	103
Civil	343	444	297	490		229	118	143	29	147
Chancery	324	571	545	350		274	73	3	1	26
Probate	195	151	160	186		86	57	60	32	-9
Total	**988**	**1644**	**1377**	**1191**	**64**	**739**	**260**	**209**	**18**	**267**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Union										
Criminal	800	661	1077	319	65	286	33	0	0	-416
Civil	577	857	679	755		448	193	114	15	178
Chancery	426	629	627	428		316	98	14	3	2
Probate	528	236	276	488		186	154	293	60	-40
Total	**2331**	**2383**	**2659**	**1990**	**65**	**1236**	**478**	**421**	**21**	**276**
Thirteenth Circuit										
Criminal	1122	1729	1929	773	149	711	59	3	0	-200
Civil	1452	1915	1459	1908		1032	480	396	21	456
Chancery	1192	1807	1780	1219		891	275	53	4	27
Probate	1032	604	622	1014		402	313	507	50	-18
Total	**4798**	**6055**	**5790**	**4914**	**149**	**3036**	**1127**	**959**	**20**	**265**
FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT										
Baxter										
Criminal	158	325	331	145	7	126	19	0	0	-6
Civil	178	288	253	213		177	31	5	2	35
Chancery	218	481	449	250		189	50	11	4	32
Probate	245	184	134	295		134	85	76	26	50
Total	**799**	**1278**	**1167**	**903**	**7**	**626**	**185**	**92**	**10**	**111**
Boone										
Criminal	186	374	366	183	11	182	0	1	1	8
Civil	203	359	352	210		162	37	11	5	7
Chancery	224	550	545	229		198	26	5	2	5
Probate	125	121	82	164		80	44	40	24	39
Total	**738**	**1404**	**1345**	**786**	**11**	**622**	**107**	**57**	**7**	**59**
Marion										
Criminal	43	135	107	65	6	55	9	1	2	28
Civil	53	76	77	52		41	7	4	8	-1
Chancery	104	252	235	121		103	14	4	3	17
Probate	97	76	64	109		58	20	31	28	12
Total	**297**	**539**	**483**	**347**	**6**	**257**	**50**	**40**	**12**	**56**
Newton										
Criminal	35	50	18	66	1	45	15	6	9	32
Civil	53	57	67	43		32	7	4	9	-10
Chancery	61	101	102	60		42	10	8	13	-1
Probate	34	34	24	44		26	8	10	23	10
Total	**183**	**242**	**211**	**213**	**1**	**145**	**40**	**28**	**13**	**31**
Fourteenth Circuit										
Criminal	422	884	822	459	25	408	43	8	2	62
Civil	487	780	749	518		412	82	24	5	31
Chancery	607	1384	1331	660		532	100	28	4	53
Probate	501	415	304	612		298	157	157	26	111
TOTAL	**2017**	**3463**	**3206**	**2249**	**25**	**1650**	**382**	**217**	**10**	**257**
FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT										
Conway										
Criminal	130	202	192	136	4	122	13	1	1	10
Civil	252	297	277	272		184	70	18	7	20
Chancery	123	458	429	152		194	23	0	0	29
Probate	150	83	47	186		72	50	64	34	36
Total	**655**	**1040**	**945**	**746**	**4**	**572**	**156**	**83**	**11**	**95**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Logan										
Criminal	214	283	317	153	27	145	6	2	1	-34
Civil	155	173	174	154		96	46	12	8	-1
Chancery	160	501	520	141		184	22	10	7	-19
Probate	163	122	77	208		93	43	72	35	45
Total	**692**	**1079**	**1088**	**656**	**27**	**518**	**117**	**96**	**15**	**-9**
Scott										
Criminal	102	117	116	92	11	73	19	0	0	1
Civil	57	69	71	55		35	19	1	2	-2
Chancery	55	200	211	44		64	3	3	7	-11
Probate	49	30	28	51		19	13	19	37	2
Total	**263**	**416**	**426**	**242**	**11**	**191**	**54**	**23**	**10**	**-10**
Yell										
Criminal	306	194	283	174	43	119	22	33	19	-89
Civil	190	228	232	186		134	42	10	5	-4
Chancery	144	454	425	173		191	24	1	1	29
Probate	99	80	58	121		55	32	34	28	22
Total	**739**	**956**	**998**	**654**	**43**	**499**	**120**	**78**	**12**	**-42**
Fifteenth Circuit										
Criminal	752	796	908	555	85	459	60	36	6	-112
Civil	654	767	754	667		449	177	41	6	13
Chancery	482	1613	1585	510		633	72	14	3	28
Probate	461	315	210	566		239	138	189	33	105
Total	**2349**	**3491**	**3457**	**2298**	**85**	**1780**	**447**	**280**	**12**	**34**
SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT										
Cleburne										
Criminal	247	369	336	100	180	82	10	8	8	33
Civil	172	207	235	144		101	30	13	9	-28
Chancery	289	331	444	176		144	26	6	3	-113
Probate	105	83	117	71		47	13	11	15	-34
Total	**813**	**990**	**1132**	**491**	**180**	**374**	**79**	**38**	**8**	**-142**
Fulton										
Criminal	43	95	73	63	2	53	10	0	0	22
Civil	42	48	48	42		31	4	7	17	0
Chancery	74	121	132	63		55	7	1	2	-11
Probate	35	50	27	58		37	12	9	16	23
Total	**194**	**314**	**280**	**226**	**2**	**176**	**33**	**17**	**8**	**34**
Independence										
Criminal	585	428	593	220	200	151	50	19	9	-165
Civil	478	665	644	499		396	71	32	6	21
Chancery	335	476	524	287		177	79	31	11	-48
Probate	166	128	160	134		75	31	28	21	-32
Total	**1564**	**1697**	**1921**	**1140**	**200**	**799**	**231**	**110**	**10**	**-224**
Izard										
Criminal	99	101	131	48	21	29	15	4	8	-30
Civil	80	67	85	64		46	6	12	19	-16
Chancery	136	146	207	75		58	17	0	0	-61
Probate	78	56	69	65		23	12	30	46	-13
Total	**393**	**370**	**490**	**252**	**21**	**156**	**50**	**46**	**18**	**-120**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Stone										
Criminal	199	104	154	87	62	39	41	7	8	-50
Civil	58	63	67	54		31	14	9	17	-4
Chancery	182	141	156	167		68	15	84	50	-15
Probate	65	30	16	79		21	14	44	56	14
Total	**504**	**338**	**393**	**387**	**62**	**159**	**84**	**144**	**37**	**-55**
Sixteenth Circuit										
Criminal	1173	1097	1287	518	465	354	126	38	7	-190
Civil	830	1050	1077	803		605	125	73	9	-27
Chancery	1016	1215	1463	768		502	144	122	16	-248
Probate	449	347	389	407		203	82	122	30	-42
Total	**3468**	**3709**	**4216**	**2496**	**465**	**1664**	**477**	**355**	**14**	**-507**
SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT EAST										
Prairie										
Criminal	47	83	92	35	3	34	1	0	0	-9
Civil	53	169	139	83		76	6	1	1	30
Chancery	60	159	176	43		53	4	1	2	-17
Probate	38	39	26	51		29	10	12	24	13
Total	**198**	**450**	**433**	**212**	**3**	**192**	**21**	**14**	**7**	**17**
White										
Criminal	325	762	677	358	52	352	4	2	1	85
Civil	262	689	552	399		343	52	4	1	137
Chancery	236	1035	1024	247		313	4	4	2	11
Probate	233	208	212	229		100	63	66	29	-4
Total	**1056**	**2694**	**2465**	**1233**	**52**	**1108**	**123**	**76**	**6**	**229**
Seventeenth Circuit East	372	845	769	393	55	386	5	2	1	76
Criminal	315	858	691	482		419	58	5	1	167
Civil	296	1194	1200	290		366	8	5	2	-6
Chancery	271	247	238	280		129	73	78	28	9
Probate	**1254**	**3144**	**2899**	**1445**	**55**	**1300**	**144**	**90**	**6**	**246**
Total										
SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT WEST										
Lonoke										
Criminal	132	346	366	97	15	97	0	0	0	-20
Civil	428	540	675	293		225	45	23	8	-135
Chancery	341	660	510	491		339	121	31	6	150
Probate	337	148	86	399		116	88	195	49	62
Total	**1238**	**1694**	**1637**	**1280**	**15**	**777**	**254**	**249**	**19**	**57**
Seventeenth Circuit West	132	346	366	97	15	97	0	0	0	-20
Criminal	428	540	675	293		225	45	23	8	-135
Civil	341	660	510	491		339	121	31	6	150
Chancery	337	148	86	399		116	88	195	49	62
Probate	**1238**	**1694**	**1637**	**1280**	**15**	**777**	**254**	**249**	**19**	**57**
Total										
EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT EAST										
Garland										
Criminal	218	628	562	219	65	199	11	9	4	66
Civil	664	1227	1089	802		575	202	25	3	138
Chancery	680	1752	1739	693		594	79	20	3	13
Probate	631	550	459	722		330	173	219	30	91
Total	**2193**	**4157**	**3849**	**2436**	**65**	**1698**	**465**	**273**	**11**	**308**

TABLE 15 - cont'd

	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Eighteenth Circuit East										
Criminal	218	628	562	219	65	199	11	9	4	66
Civil	664	1227	1089	802		575	202	25	3	138
Chancery	680	1752	1739	693		594	79	20	3	13
Probate	631	550	459	722		330	173	219	30	91
Total	**2193**	**4157**	**3849**	**2436**	**65**	**1698**	**465**	**273**	**11**	**308**
EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT WEST										
Montgomery										
Criminal	66	72	59	57	22	33	15	9	16	13
Civil	49	58	60	47		29	13	5	11	-2
Chancery	62	104	99	67		47	12	8	12	5
Probate	44	30	25	49		19	13	17	35	5
Total	**221**	**264**	**243**	**220**	**22**	**128**	**53**	**39**	**18**	**21**
Polk										
Criminal	79	166	135	82	28	61	14	7	9	31
Civil	125	160	143	142		90	40	12	8	17
Chancery	192	331	345	178		116	43	19	11	-14
Probate	101	101	90	112		46	40	26	23	11
Total	**497**	**758**	**713**	**514**	**28**	**313**	**137**	**64**	**12**	**45**
Eighteenth Circuit West										
Criminal	145	238	194	139	50	94	29	16	12	44
Civil	174	218	203	189		119	53	17	9	15
Chancery	254	435	444	245		163	55	27	11	-9
Probate	145	131	115	161		65	53	43	27	16
Total	**718**	**1022**	**956**	**734**	**50**	**441**	**190**	**103**	**14**	**66**
NINETEENTH CIRCUIT										
Benton										
Criminal	526	1115	776	645	220	543	91	11	2	339
Civil	783	1208	1056	935		688	168	79	8	152
Chancery	725	1842	1819	748		645	75	28	4	23
Probate	412	454	356	510		269	122	119	23	98
Total	**2446**	**4619**	**4007**	**2838**	**220**	**2145**	**456**	**237**	**8**	**612**
Carroll										
Criminal	155	214	179	166	24	128	36	2	1	35
Civil	164	221	154	231		155	45	31	13	67
Chancery	175	389	350	214		170	38	6	3	39
Probate	92	89	61	120		60	39	21	18	28
Total	**586**	**913**	**744**	**731**	**24**	**513**	**158**	60	**8**	**169**
Nineteenth Circuit										
Criminal	681	1329	955	811	244	671	127	13	2	374
Civil	947	1429	1210	1166		843	213	110	9	219
Chancery	900	2231	2169	962		815	113	34	4	62
Probate	504	543	417	630		329	161	140	22	126
Total	**3032**	**5532**	**4751**	**3569**	**244**	**2658**	**614**	**297**	**8**	**781**
TWENTIETH CIRCUIT										
Faulkner										
Criminal	186	504	485	177	28	174	2	1	1	19
Civil	629	889	842	676		516	119	41	6	47
Chancery	595	990	839	746		433	165	148	20	151
Probate	397	233	171	459		173	122	164	36	62
Total	**1807**	**2616**	**2337**	**2058**	**28**	**1296**	**408**	**354**	**17**	**279**

TABLE 15 - cont'd

	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Searcy										
Criminal	102	54	45	72	39	31	15	26	36	9
Civil	88	69	71	86		45	21	20	23	-2
Chancery	132	143	192	83		60	11	12	14	-49
Probate	88	35	41	82		21	22	39	48	-6
Total	**410**	**301**	**349**	**323**	**39**	**157**	**69**	**97**	**30**	**-48**
Van Buren										
Criminal	183	113	171	121	4	58	28	35	29	-58
Civil	173	129	141	161		87	25	49	30	-12
Chancery	247	351	429	169		118	35	16	9	-78
Probate	102	47	55	94		24	24	46	49	-8
Total	**705**	**640**	**796**	**545**	**4**	**287**	**112**	**146**	**27**	**-156**
Twentieth Circuit										
Criminal	471	671	701	370	71	263	45	62	17	-30
Civil	890	1087	1054	923		648	165	110	12	33
Chancery	974	1484	1460	998		611	211	176	18	24
Probate	587	315	267	635		218	168	249	39	48
Total	**2922**	**3557**	**3482**	**2926**	**71**	**1740**	**589**	**597**	**20**	**75**
State-Wide										
Criminal	24813	34452	32792	19223	7250	14578	3030	1615	8	1660
Civil	24879	36401	36105	25175		16936	4933	3306	13	296
Chancery	22249	42022	42025	22246		16221	3935	2388	11	-3
Probate	14670	11404	9550	16524		6810	4281	5641	34	1854
Total	**86611**	**124279**	**120472**	**83168**	**7250**	**54545**	**16179**	**12950**	**16**	**3807**

NOTE: Pulaski County changed their method of reporting cases in divisions. In the past, all cases were assigned to a "O" division until arrest or service of a warrant. The cases were then assigned a division number.

Presently, all cases are assigned a division number upon filing. With this change, Pulaski County has added an additional 574 counts from "O" division to the other criminal divisions. These are reflected in the filing category.

Guardianship, Conservatorship and Trusteeship cases continue under the jurisdiction of the Probate Court over a period of years before a final order can be rendered. While they are considered active cases, it should be remembered and allowances made when using them in pending cases or age of cases comparisons or studies.

B/W Outstanding (bench warrant outstanding) figures should be added to the pending end figure to arrive at a total pending end figure.

TABLE 16 MUNICIPAL AND CITY COURT STATEWIDE STATISTICS

MUNICIPAL

	Filed	Convicted*	Dismissed*	Appeals*	Fines/Costs Assessed	Fines/Costs Collected
Criminal	116,357	70,247	16,877	957	$ 6,280,634	$ 4,005,746
D.W.I.	15,958	11,276	1,004	1,012	5,735,751	2,953,011
Other Traffic	292,098	188,204	16,637	20,941	11,142,133	12,607,052
TOTAL	**424,413**	**269,727**	**34,518**	**22,910**	**23,158,518**	**19,565,809**
Civil	33,617	21,660-Terminated			492,473	260,876
Felonies	4,195	6,243-Bound Over				
CITY						
Criminal	4,501	3,324	559	62	298,954	233,109
D.W.I.	1,488	842	62	91	669,514	315,636
Other Traffic	17,549	8,062	920	118	915,226	946,787
TOTAL	**23,538**	**12,228**	**1,541**	**271**	**1,883,694**	**1,495,532**
Civil	64	48-Terminated			552	689
Felonies	0	0-Bound Over				
STATEWIDE TOTALS	**447,951**	**281,955**	**36,059**	**23,181**	**$25,042,212**	**$21,061,341**

*Due to the variety of dispositions in Limited Jurisdiction Courts, it is difficult to ascertain precise disposition figures.

Note: The following 14 municipal courts have not reported: Bryant, Clarksville, Clinton, Eudora, Ft. Smith, Grady, Heber Springs, Lake Village, Manila, Marked Tree, Osceola, Van Buren, Warren, and West Fork.

A total of 14 municipalities reported for a partial year.

TABLE 17 JUVENILE DELINQUENT CHARGES

COUNTS	OFFENSE NAME	COUNTS	OFFENSE NAME
359	Battery/Assault	18	Robbery
163	Terroristic Threatening/Harassment	3,302	Theft
2	Kidnapping	150	Forgery/Hot Check
12	Rape	158	Resisting Arrest/Fleeing/Escape
45	Sexual Offenses	325	Disorderly Conduct
39	Arson/Arson Related	940	Public Intox./Minor in Possession/D.W.I.
1,079	Criminal Mischief/Trespass	107	Weapon Offense
1,335	Burglary/Breaking or Entering	187	Violation Uniform Controlled Substance
		301	Other

STATEWIDE TOTAL COUNTS 8,522 FELONIES 2,632 MISDEMEANORS 5,209 VIOLATIONS 681

TABLE 18 JUVENILE CASES

						Age of All Cases Pending			
	Pending 7-1-85	**Cases Filed**	**Terminated**	**Pending 6-30-86**	**Less 1-Yr.**	**1-2 Yrs.**	**Over 2 Yrs.**	**% Over 2 Yrs.**	**Change In Cases Pending**
Delinquent	576	5,703	5,632	647	335	96	216	33	71
*JINS	119	1,819	1,733	205	133	23	49	23	86
Neglect	410	944	886	468	213	80	175	37	58
Probation Violation	40	161	166	35	9	8	18	51	− 5
Parole Violation	0	13	12	1	1	0	0	0	1
STATE TOTALS	**1,145**	**8,640**	**8,429**	**1,356**	**691**	**207**	**458**	**33**	**211**

*Juveniles in need of supervision

NOTE: It should be noted that there were 5,703 individual juveniles charged with criminal offenses. This reflects a total of 8,522 charges filed against these juveniles, as shown in Table 17.

Also note that for Tables 17 & 18 the following counties have not reported: Baxter, Calhoun, Cleveland, Crittenden, Fulton, Grant, Johnson, Madison, Newton, Pike, Searcy & Sharp.

In addition, the following counties reported for a partial year: Arkansas, Carroll, Clay, Cleburne, Columbia, Crawford, Cross, Dallas, Faulkner, Hempstead, Izard, Jackson, Lafayette, Little River, Lonoke, Miller, Monroe, Nevada, Ouachita, Perry, Prairie, Pulaski, Saline, Scott, Union, Van Buren, White, Woodruff & Yell.

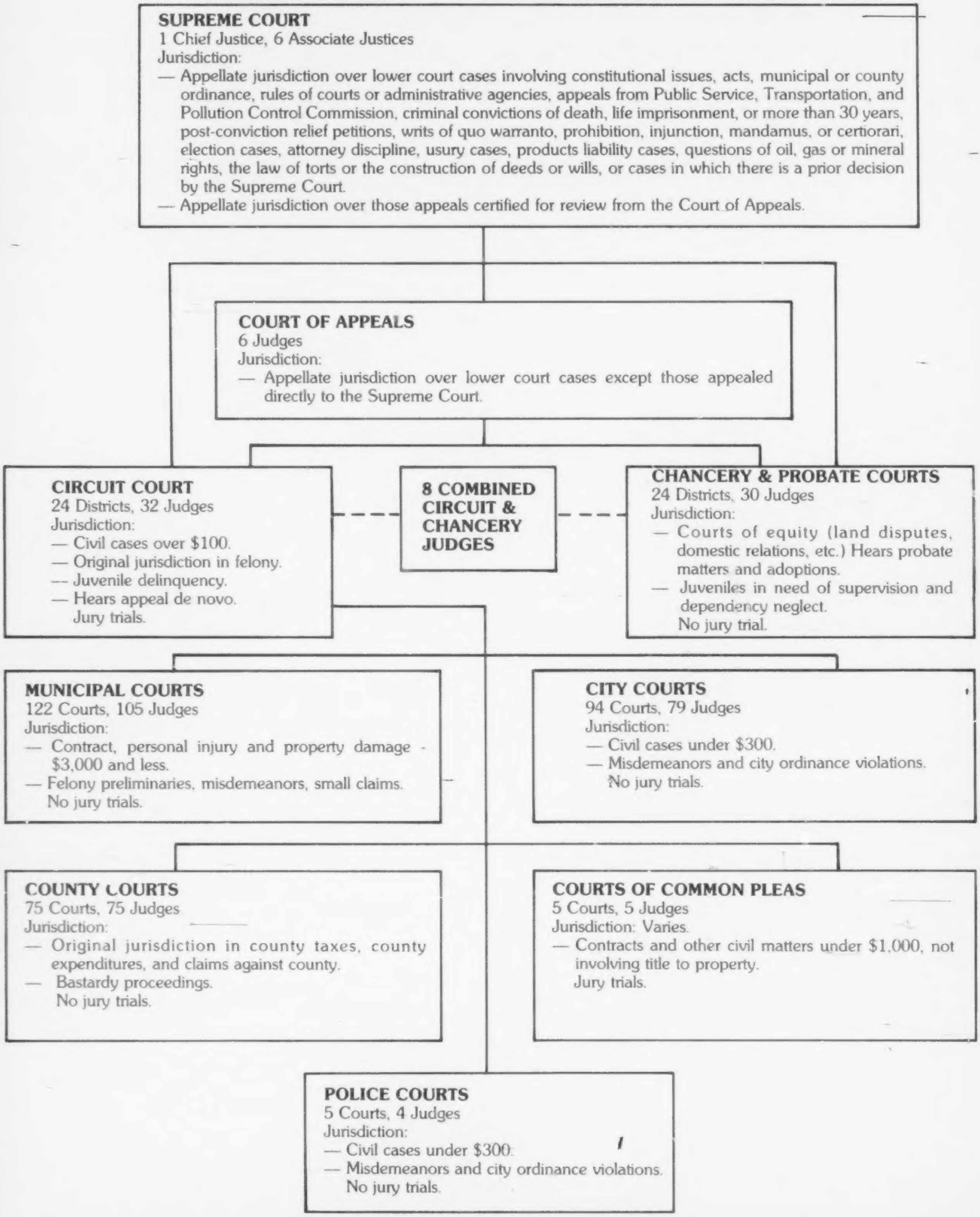
BASTARDY CASES

For the 1986/87 fiscal year, 4,314 bastardy cases were reported filed by county courts. The number of bastardy cases terminated totaled 2,466 for the same period.

TABLE 19 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S STATEWIDE STATISTICS

A.	**JUVENILE COURT**		
	Number of Defendants Represented		955
	Number and Nature of Offenses:		
	Felony	423	
	Misdemeanor	801	
	Number Relieved as Counsel	4	
	Total Offenses	1,228	
B.	**MUNICIPAL COURT**		
	Number of Defendants Represented		6,871
	Number and Nature of Offenses:		
	Felony	2,763	
	D.W.I.	637	
	Other Traffic	926	
	Misdemeanors	5,586	
	Total Offenses	9,912	
	Disposition of Defendants:		
	Felony: Probable Cause Not Found	1,384	
	Reduced by Court to Misdemeanor	882	
	Reduced to Misdemeanor - Pled Guilty	356	
	Relieved as Counsel	530	
	Misdemeanors:		
	Guilty or Nolo Pleas	2,403	
	Trials	1,162	
	Relieved as Counsel	32	
	Total Dispositions	6,749	
C.	**CIRCUIT COURT**		
	Number of Defendants Represented		4,353
	Number and Nature of Offenses:		
	Capital	9	
	Felony	6,327	
	Misdemeanors	278	
	Total Offenses	6,614	
D.	**RESPONDENTS REPRESENTED IN PROBATE COURT**		
	Involuntary and Alcoholic Commitments		1,437
E.	**TOTAL DEFENDANTS REPRESENTED IN ALL COURTS**		13,616
F.	**NUMBER OF CASES APPEALED TO CIRCUIT COURT**	438	
G.	**NUMBER OF CASES APPEALED TO STATE SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS**	139	
H.	**RULE 37 APPOINTMENTS**	5	

ARKANSAS COURT SYSTEM



SUPREME COURT
1 Chief Justice, 6 Associate Justices
Jurisdiction:
- Appellate jurisdiction over lower court cases involving constitutional issues, acts, municipal or county ordinance, rules of courts or administrative agencies, appeals from Public Service, Transportation, and Pollution Control Commission, criminal convictions of death, life imprisonment, or more than 30 years, post-conviction relief petitions, writs of quo warranto, prohibition, injunction, mandamus, or certiorari, election cases, attorney discipline, usury cases, products liability cases, questions of oil, gas or mineral rights, the law of torts or the construction of deeds or wills, or cases in which there is a prior decision by the Supreme Court.
- Appellate jurisdiction over those appeals certified for review from the Court of Appeals.

COURT OF APPEALS
6 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Appellate jurisdiction over lower court cases except those appealed directly to the Supreme Court.

CIRCUIT COURT
24 Districts, 32 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Civil cases over $100.
- Original jurisdiction in felony.
- Juvenile delinquency.
- Hears appeal de novo.
Jury trials.

8 COMBINED CIRCUIT & CHANCERY JUDGES

CHANCERY & PROBATE COURTS
24 Districts, 30 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Courts of equity (land disputes, domestic relations, etc.) Hears probate matters and adoptions.
- Juveniles in need of supervision and dependency neglect.
No jury trial.

MUNICIPAL COURTS
122 Courts, 105 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Contract, personal injury and property damage - $3,000 and less.
- Felony preliminaries, misdemeanors, small claims.
No jury trials.

CITY COURTS
94 Courts, 79 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Civil cases under $300.
- Misdemeanors and city ordinance violations.
No jury trials.

COUNTY COURTS
75 Courts, 75 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Original jurisdiction in county taxes, county expenditures, and claims against county.
- Bastardy proceedings.
No jury trials.

COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS
5 Courts, 5 Judges
Jurisdiction: Varies.
- Contracts and other civil matters under $1,000, not involving title to property.
Jury trials.

POLICE COURTS
5 Courts, 4 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Civil cases under $300.
- Misdemeanors and city ordinance violations.
No jury trials.

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To: Annual Report Recipients

From: John Stewart

Re: Table Three- Supreme Court Written Opinion

Date: March 11, 1988

Please insert the attached Table Three inside the Annual Report of the Judiciary of Arkansas FY 86-87. It is a replacement for the Supreme Court Written Opinions table on page 44.

Table Three contained in the book has criminal written opinions counted twice.

TABLE 3: SUPREME COURT WRITTEN OPINIONS
FY 86/87

	WRITTEN OPINIONS				
	Majority	Concurring	Dissenting	Dissenting/ Concurring In Part	Total
Holt	49	0	1	0	50
Smith	26	2	0	0	28
Hickman	51	6	16	3	76
Purtle	49	6	39	2	96
Dudley	56	1	2	0	59
Hays	46	1	11	0	58
Newburn	50	5	6	0	61
Glaze	30	1	6	0	37
Special Justice	1	0	0	0	1
Subtotal	**358**	**22**	**81**	**5**	**466**
Per Curiam	215	0	0	0	215
Total	573	22	81	5	681

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SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201

JACK HOLT, JR.
CHIEF JUSTICE

Fellow Arkansans:

Fiscal year 1986-87 marked a period of unprecedented change in the Judicial Branch of your government. In November of 1986 the voters adopted Amendment 64, which markedly increased the civil jurisdiction of your municipal courts. This improvement will bring Arkansas in line with most other states in this area, and will make available for the citizens of Arkansas a relatively inexpensive, and more expeditious, forum for litigation of minor civil disputes.

In January of 1987, the Supreme Court held the existing Juvenile Court System to be unconstitutional. Subsequently, the Legislature referred to the voters a proposed constitutional amendment which, if enacted, will provide the opportunity for development of a Juvenile Court System for the future. Governor Bill Clinton appointed a Commission to assist in this effort.

These developments, along with other significant occurrences, are detailed in the major developments section of this report. Your review of that portion of this report is encouraged.

The compilation of information necessary for this report would not be possible without the continued cooperation of the many trial judges and court clerks throughout the state. I continue to appreciate their contribution to this effort. As always, I acknowledge the hard work of the staff of the Arkansas Judicial Department in its annual effort to publish this document.

Jack Holt, Jr.
Chief Justice

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
FISCAL YEAR 1986-87

Juvenile Courts

The 1874 Constitution of the State of Arkansas makes no mention of juvenile courts. In 1911, the Arkansas Legislature, by way of statutory enactment, "created" juvenile courts and placed them within the jurisdiction of county courts. This arrangement was upheld in an Arkansas Supreme Court decision of 1915. On January 20, 1987, the Supreme Court of Arkansas reversed that earlier decision. In the opinion, the Supreme Court noted that proceedings involving juveniles had significantly changed over the years. Procedural due process requirements, funding sources, and other changes dictated that juvenile proceedings are more properly a state concern, hence, it was constitutionally improper for such proceedings to remain with county courts.

Judges and referees attended a seminar in April relating to the changes in the juvenile court system.

In response to that landmark decision, the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, during their 1987 Regular Session, enacted a package of legislation. That legislation provided that cases involving allegations of juvenile delinquency would henceforth be filed in circuit court. Cases concerning juveniles in need of supervision, and dependent/neglected juveniles, would be filed in probate court. In most other respects, the substantive law and procedural requirements of the 1975 Arkansas Juvenile Code remained intact.

Senator Wayne Dowd of Texarkana (right), Chairman of the Commission on Juvenile Justice, discusses the commission's work with members Carol Bohannan (left) of the Governor's Office and Chancellor Judith Rogers (center) of Little Rock.

Concurrently, Governor Bill Clinton appointed a Commission on Juvenile Justice. This Commission, chaired by Senator Wayne Dowd of Texarkana, is charged with the responsibility of investigating the subject of juvenile courts and making recommendations for the benefit of the 1989 General Assembly. In this connection, the Legislature also referred to the populace a proposed constitutional amendment to be on the November, 1988, General Election ballot. This proposed constitutional amendment, if enacted, would enable the Legislature to set jurisdiction in matters concerning juvenile and paternity cases.

Judicial Discipline

The Arkansas Supreme Court has endorsed a Code of Judicial Conduct by way of per curiam order entered on November 5, 1973. The code, through its seven canons, sets the proper standards for behavior of the judiciary in Arkansas. However, this Code of Judicial Conduct does not provide for an administrative body to enforce the provisions of the code nor does it provide specific remedies for violations. Additionally, it appears that Arkansas is one of only a few states that does not have a formal procedure for investigation of complaints against judges for violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

In response to these deficiencies, the Arkansas Supreme Court created an ad hoc committee on the various issues surrounding judicial discipline, suspension, removal, and disability retirement. The membership of the committee included: Associate Justice David Newbern, Associate Justice Darrell Hickman, Court of Appeals Judge Jim Cooper, Circuit Judge John Graves, Chancellor Graham Partlow, Municipal Judge Sam Ed Gibson, Juvenile Judge Joyce Warren, and Professor Howard W. Brill.

The committee made its report to the Supreme Court in January of 1987. The Supreme Court adopted the committee's recommendations for creation of a Board on Judicial Discipline, Suspension, Removal, and Disability Retirement. In a rare development, the Justices of the Supreme Court appeared before the appropriate committee of the Legislature during the 1987 General Session and requested that the Legislature refer the proposal to the voters, which they did. Accordingly, a proposed constitutional amendment on this subject will appear on the November, 1988, General Election ballot. If accepted by the voters, the amendment will provide the citizens of Arkansas with a forum for adjudication of allegations of judicial misconduct.

Court of Appeals

During 1985, the General Assembly expanded the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals to include review of actions of the Arkansas Public Service Commission, an administrative agency which regulates public utilities. That 1985 legislation also specified that the Public Service Commission appeals shall enjoy priority over all other civil cases except child custody, appeals under Workmen's Compensation law, and the Employment Security law. During the last fiscal year, the first appeals under that legislation began to make their way to the Court of Appeals. Although the numbers of such appeals will not be large, the complexity of issues, and volume of the record in such appeals, will cause those cases to have an inordinate effect on the Court's case load.

In recognition of the increasing Court of Appeals' case load, and the addition of the Public Service Commission appellate jurisdiction, the General Assembly also established and funded the state's first appellate staff attorney program for the Court of Appeals. The staff attorney program came into full operation during this past fiscal year.

Many other jurisdictions, particularly in the federal courts, utilize central staff attorneys in addition to traditional law clerks. The duties of the Court of Appeals staff attorneys include screening of cases, research on difficult cases, drafting assistance, docket control, and administrative duties.

A computerized docket control system has been developed and implemented with assistance from the Judicial Department, and a computer-assisted legal research project is nearing completion. The staff attorney project, along with organizational changes and major facility improvements, have enabled the Court of Appeals to reduce both backlog and delay in the appellate process.

Among the many significant accomplishments during the past fiscal year was the reduction of systemic delay. In the past, fully-briefed cases sometimes waited over six months before submission to the Court. By the end of the fiscal year, no fully-briefed cases were over three months old. In addition, the number of cases ready for submission has been drastically reduced and numbered only sixty-two cases at the end of the fiscal year. Despite a relatively high case load, the Court of Appeals will be able to maintain good docket control in the future due to gains made during fiscal year 1986/87.

Survey of State Case Load

With one notable exception, the filing of cases continued to increase throughout the state.

In the Supreme Court, the most significant increase in filings in some time was recorded. In particular, filings during this last fiscal year increased almost 12% over the preceding fiscal year. Although there was a concurrent increase in terminations by the Supreme Court, there remained a substantial number of appeals pending at the end of last fiscal year.

The notable exception mentioned above occurred in the Arkansas Court of Appeals where the number of appeals filed was slightly less than the same number for the preceding fiscal year. On the other hand, the number of cases brought to a conclusion during last fiscal year showed a dramatic increase of 17%. The result of these developments was a decrease in the number of appeals pending at the end of fiscal year 1986-87.

Finally, the number of cases filed in the general jurisdiction courts (circuit, chancery, and probate) continued to increase. Specifically, cases filed in all of these courts grew by approximately 3% over last fiscal year. However, that percentage of increase is, relatively speaking, a modest development. This minimal increase is a continuation of what was reported during last fiscal year. Although terminations in these courts also substantially increased, it was not sufficient to reduce the number of pending cases across the state. Those cases, which were pending at the end of this fiscal year, showed an increase of over 4%.

Municipal Courts

The Municipal Court System in Arkansas was the subject of substantial constitutional reform during the past fiscal year. During the November, 1986, General Election, the citizens of Arkansas overwhelmingly adopted Amendment 64 to the Arkansas Constitution. This amendment increased civil jurisdiction in municipal courts from the antiquated limit of $300.00, to the more realistic monetary limit of $3,000.00.

The purpose of Amendment 64 is to provide the populace with a relatively inexpensive, and more expeditious, forum in which to litigate minor civil disputes. The provisions of the amendment became effective July 1, 1987. It is evident that our municipal courts will undergo a substantial influx of civil litigation.

Chief Justice Jack Holt, Jr. addresses a press conference to publicize support for Amendment 64.

Recognizing that prospect, the Judicial Department, in cooperation with an advisory committee of municipal court clerks, developed a manual for their use. The manual includes information concerning procedures to be followed in municipal court, as well as explanations on the proper methods of service, return of service, and other relevant matters. The manual seeks to encourage the use of similar forms throughout the state in municipal court. The municipal court clerks' manual represents an initial effort to lend some degree of uniformity to municipal court proceedings throughout the state.

Municipal Court Clerks attended a seminar to explain court procedures.

Subsequent to the adoption of Amendment 64, it was necessary that a legislative package be adopted to implement certain provisions of that amendment. A legislative subcommittee chaired by Representative David Matthews, and with members Senator Stanley Russ and Representative Shirley Calhoun, met on several occasions with judges, clerks, and representatives of the Judicial Department. The resulting legislation, Act 430 and Act 431 of 1987, provided guidance in the implementation of Amendment 64. Of particular interest, the legislation mandated that each municipal court have a small claims division within their court. Small claims division is available for the use of non-lawyer litigants, thereby meeting the purpose of Amendment 64. Additionally, for the first time, uniform filing fees were enacted for all the municipal courts in the state.

Judicial Personnel

The Judicial Apportionment Board, which was created during the 1985 General Assembly, considered a large number of requests for additional judgeships, or, re-districting of existing judicial boundaries. Under the Arkansas Constitution, the General Assembly has the responsibility of making decisions in connection with such requests. The Judicial Apportionment Board is created by the Legislature to assist in the deliberative process.

The Apportionment Board recommended the creation of six additional judgeships. This comparatively large additional complement of judges recognized, in the Board's opinion, the need for such judges in light of the continuing increase in filing of cases in general jurisdiction courts.

This continued growth in filings, along with additional case processing requirements placed on general jurisdiction judges, caused many judges to employ case coordinators. Such arrangements must be made on a local level with payment by the various counties in a particular district. At this writing, Judicial Department records reflect that 49 judges have full-time secretaries/case coordinators employed. This represents a 10.2% increase for fiscal year 1986-87. The Judicial Department has continued to provide training and support for case coordinators.

Use of Computers

In the course of the annual report for fiscal year 1985-86, a reference to this subject was made. During the most recent fiscal year, utilization of computers, at all levels of court, has increased.

The computer system hardware acquired by the Supreme Court was fully installed during the course of fiscal year 1986-87. This included additional terminals for law clerks, extension of the system to the Court Clerk's Office, and inclusion of the Court of Appeals in the system. The system, known as a CPT-ODS configuration, has numerous capabilities.

Of principal interest, the computer will have the ability to store all previous Supreme Court and Court of Appeals' decisions. Through the use of the appropriate program, judges and law clerks will be able to conduct a complete search of previous decisions for relevant material. Efforts are under way to determine the most feasible method of entering that data base into the central processing unit. Additionally, this CPT-ODS system will have the capacity to record pertinent information on all pending cases, including age of cases. In this fashion, the justices of the Supreme Court will, for the first time, be able to monitor the flow of cases through the appellate process. Pending the development of that program, the Court of Appeals is utilizing a docket control system operated through a personal computer program. Finally, in the coming fiscal year, the CPT-ODS system will be programmed to provide assistance in attorney registration and notification, accounting, inventory, and perhaps, library management.

During this fiscal year, the general jurisdiction judges throughout the state continued to recognize the benefits to be derived from the use of a computer in docket control. Previously, the Judicial Department, with the assistance of a federal grant, had acquired hardware, and developed software, which was distributed to twelve circuit and chancery judges. The interest in this program has continued to grow. During this most recent fiscal year, the number of circuit and chancery judges utilizing a computer in docket control more than doubled, so that at the end of fiscal year 1986-87 thirty judges were involved. This number, coupled with the ten circuit and chancery judges in Pulaski County who utilize a central system, means that forty of our seventy general jurisdiction judges have access to a computer for docket control purposes. Efforts will continue to encourage the use of computers among our general jurisdiction judges.

The civil jurisdiction of municipal courts in Arkansas was vastly increased as a result of the adoption of Amendment 64 to the Arkansas Constitution. In preparation for the substantial increase in case load, many municipal courts also looked to computers as a management device. Several private vendors have developed software and are marketing their system throughout the state. A number of municipal courts have acquired computer systems during this past fiscal year and it is expected that the reliance on computerized docket control will continue to increase.

THE COURTS

APPELLATE COURTS

Bottom row (left to right); Justice Darrell Hickman, Chief Justice Jack Holt, Jr. and Justice John Purtle.

Top row (left to right); Justice David Newbern, Justice Robert Dudley, Justice Steele Hays, Justice Tom Glaze.

Supreme Court

Arkansas' highest appellate court is the Supreme Court, comprised of the Chief Justice and six Associate Justices.

The Constitution of 1874 sets forth the powers and jurisdiction of the Court and establishes in it "general superintending control over all inferior courts of law and equity . . ."

The members of the Court are elected to staggered eight year terms by the voters of the State. The Governor fills any vacancies on the Court by appointment. When necessary, a special justice is appointed by the Governor in cases where a member of the Court recuses, and it is decided that the participation of a special justice would be required for the Court to render a decision. Special justices who served during 1986-87 were: Thomas Burke and Thomas S. Streetman.

Justice Tom Glaze was elected to the Court in November, 1986 and was sworn in as the Court's newest member in January, 1987. Justice Glaze was elected to the seat held by George Rose Smith before his retirement.

The workload of the Court is measured in terms of appeals, petitions and motions (excluding those for time extension) of which final disposition is made during the fiscal year.

Appeals filed in the Supreme Court totaled 459 for the 1986-87 fiscal year, an increase of 11.7% from the previous fiscal year. Appeals terminated during the fiscal year totaled 416, an increase of 30% from the 1985-86 fiscal year. Petitions filed for the same time period numbered 438, an increase of 16.5% from the previous fiscal year. Petitions terminated during the fiscal year totaled 421, an increase of 9.1% from the previous fiscal year.

There were 207 appeals and 43 petitions pending at the end of fiscal year 1986-87. The 207 appeals pending represent a 26.2% increase from the previous reporting period.

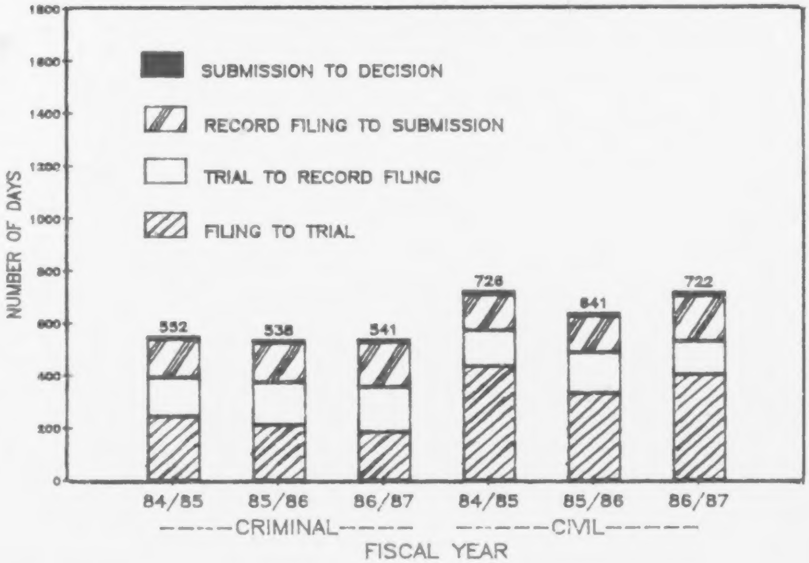
Supreme Court Time Study

For the 1986-87 fiscal year a total of 131 criminal cases were surveyed. Nineteen of these were decided after oral arguments. For these cases, it took an average of 635 days to process each case from filing in lower court through appeal. Of the 112 cases surveyed without oral arguments, an average of 541 days elapsed from filing in circuit court to decision by the Supreme Court.

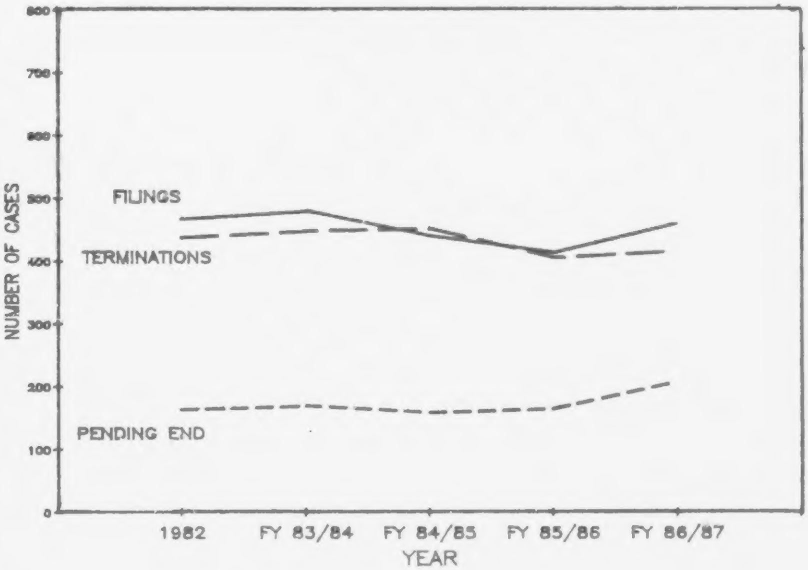
A total of 111 civil cases were surveyed for the 1986-87 fiscal year. Thirty-one of these cases were decided after oral arguments. For these cases, it took an average of 772 days to process each case from filing in lower court through appeal. Of the 80 cases surveyed without oral arguments, an average of 722 days elapsed from filing to decision by the Supreme Court.

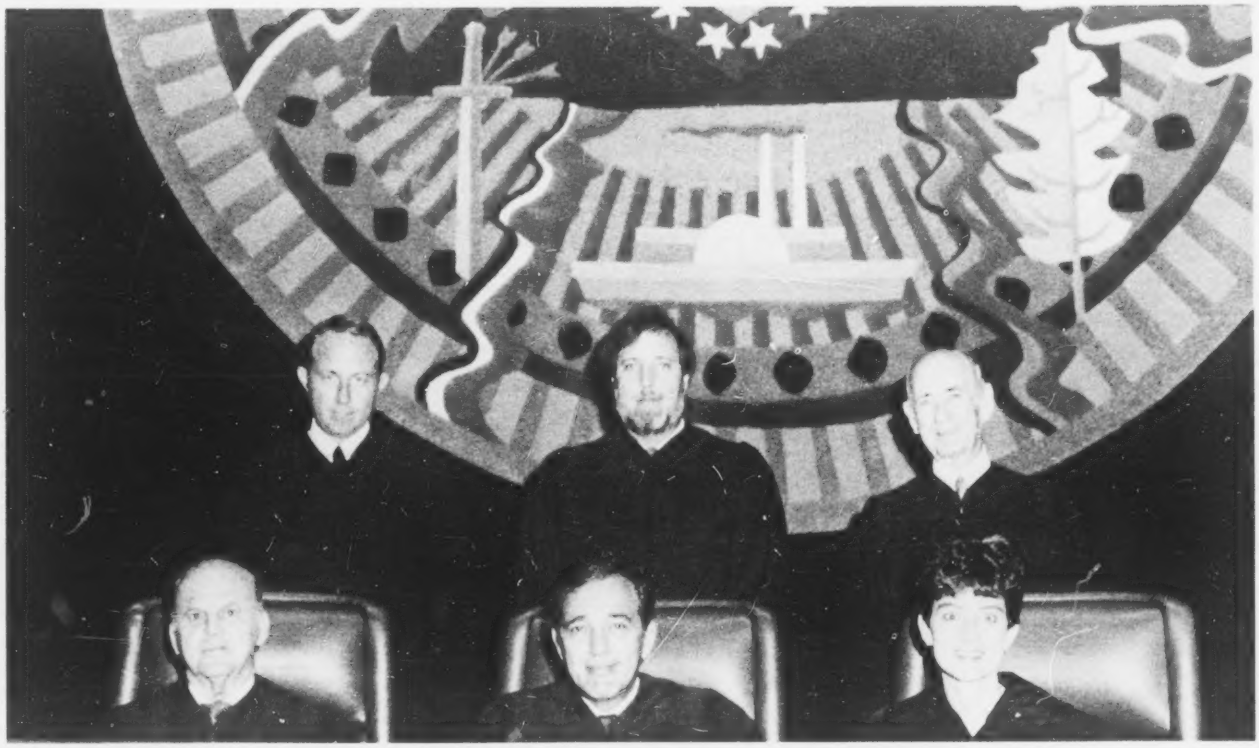
It is important to note that, on the average, approximately 70% of the time taken to process each case being appealed is spent in the lower trial court. The remaining 30% is the time that each case spends in either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals.

SUPREME COURT
TIME STUDY
THREE YEAR COMPARISON
CASES WITHOUT ORAL ARGUMENTS



SUPREME COURT
CASELOAD ACTIVITY
1982 - FY 86/87





Bottom row (left to right); Judge George Cracraft, Chief Judge Don Corbin and Judge Beth Gladden Coulson.

Top row (left to right); Judge John Jennings, Judge Jim Cooper and Judge Melvin Mayfield.

Court of Appeals

Amendment 58 authorized the General Assembly to establish an intermediate appellate court known as the Court of Appeals. This intermediate appellate court has helped to alleviate the tremendous caseload which burdened the Supreme Court during the early and mid-1970's.

The Court of Appeals is composed of a Chief Judge and five Associate Judges. The six judges are elected for staggered eight year terms from six geographical districts. Chief Judge Don Corbin was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for a term of four years subject to reappointment. The Court is divided into two panels of three judges each and any decision rendered by a panel is final, unless a single judge dissents, whereby the case is decided "en banc" by all six judges.

The Court of Appeals is authorized to correct errors in cases on appeal from the same trial courts which may appeal to the Supreme Court. Judgements of the Court of Appeals may be appealed to the Supreme Court when any one of three circumstances exists: the case was erroneously filed in the Court of Appeals; a case filed in the Court of Appeals is believed to be of paramount public interest and is "certified" to the Supreme Court; or the case was decided on a tie vote in the Court of Appeals.

Judge John Jennings was sworn in as a member of the Court of Appeals in January, 1987, replacing retiring Judge Lawson Cloninger. Justice Tom Glaze's election to the Supreme Court in November resulted the appointment of Beth Gladden Coulson to the Court of Appeals. Judge Coulson will serve as a member of the Court until the next general election.

One special judge, Ernest L. Wright, Jr., was appointed to serve during the 1986-87 fiscal year.

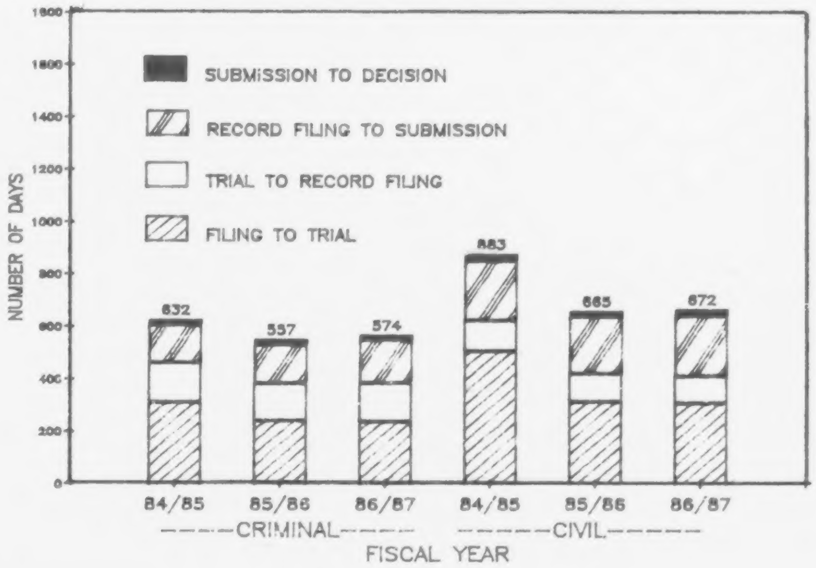
The workload of the Court of Appeals is measured in the same way as that of the Supreme Court.

Appeals filed in the Court of Appeals totaled 949, a decrease of .2% from the previous fiscal year. Appeal terminations for the 1986-87 fiscal year were 983, an increase of 17% from the previous fiscal year. Ninety-six petitions were filed in the 1986-87 fiscal year, showing an increase of 26.3% from the previous reporting period. Petition terminations for the 1986-87 fiscal year increased by 15% from 87 to 100. There were 426 appeals and seven petitions pending at the end of fiscal year 1986-87. The 426 appeals pending represent a 7.4% decrease from the previous fiscal.

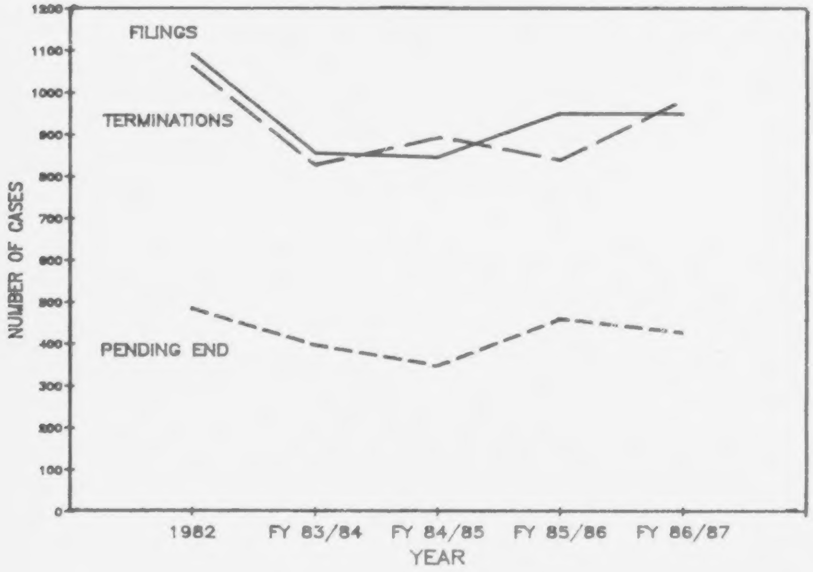
Court of Appeals Time Study

For the 1986-87 fiscal year, 175 criminal cases were surveyed. Twelve of these were decided after oral arguments. For these 12 cases, it took an average of 739 days to process each case from filing in lower court through appeal. Of the 163 cases surveyed without oral arguments, an average of 574 days elapsed from filing in circuit court to decision by the Court of Appeals.

COURT OF APPEALS
TIME STUDY
THREE YEAR COMPARISON
CASES WTIHOUT ORAL ARGUMENTS



COURT OF APPEALS
CASELOAD ACTIVITY
1982 - FY 86/87



A total of 401 civil cases were surveyed for the 1986-87 fiscal year. Forty-six of these cases were decided after oral arguments. For these 46 cases, it took an average of 729 days to process each case from filing in lower court through appeal. Of the 355 cases surveyed without oral arguments, an average of 672 days elapsed from filing to decision by the court of Appeals.

APPELLATE COURTS SUPPORT STAFF

Law Clerks of the Appellate Courts

Each judge for the Arkansas Supreme Court and the Arkansas Court of Appeals has two law clerks, all of whom are law school graduates.

Law clerks assist the judges in all phases of appellate work. They prepare memoranda on the cases submitted to the court in which they research and evaluate the issues raised by the parties. Some clerks work only on the cases assigned to their particular judge, while others do memos on additional cases submitted to the court. The memos are available to the judges before the cases are formally submitted, so that the judges have the benefit of the clerks' research when considering the cases.

After the cases have been discussed at a conference of the judges, the clerks may assist in opinion drafting and do any additional research necessary for the opinions. In addition, the law clerks may prepare memoranda on motions assigned to their judge, or on other motions submitted to the Court.

Law clerks also approve headnotes, proofread advance sheets and do any research for speeches or articles.

Justice David Newbern conferences each week with his law clerks and secretary. From left to right: Ann West, Pam Marshall, Valerie Denton and Justice Newbern.

Court of Appeals Staff Attorneys

The Court of Appeals employs staff attorneys, in addition to their law clerks. The responsibilities of the staff attorneys differ notably from a traditional law clerk.

The staff attorneys assist the entire court by classifying and calendaring cases. Staff attorneys can aid in analysis of cases and arrange for the court to expeditiously deal with cases previously resolved or enable the court to consider different cases on the same issue simultaneously. Staff attorneys may also review case files and insure that pleadings are in order and that procedural rules have been met. If not, then the staff attorney can insure compliance before the case is submitted to the Court.

Larry Jegley, Chief Staff Attorney for the Court of Appeals, reviews pending case with Rita Cunningham, Staff Attorney.

COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION

Circuit and chancery courts in Arkansas are the trial courts of general jurisdiction. The two courts have separate jurisdictions with circuit courts presided over by a circuit judge, who hears civil and criminal cases, and chancery courts presided over by a chancellor, who hears equity, divorce and child support cases and acts as the probate judge. The state is divided into 24 judicial circuits served by 32 circuit judges, 30 chancellors and 8 combined jurisdiction judges.

As was mentioned in the "Major Developments Section", during the 1987 General Assembly bills were enacted creating additional judgeships. In June, 1987 a circuit judge/chancellor was appointed in the Eleventh West Judicial Circuit. The legislation also called for elections in 1988 to fill the following positions: one circuit judge/chancellor in the Seventh Judicial Circuit; one circuit judge and two chancellors in the Sixth Judicial Circuit; and one circuit judge/chancellor in the Eighteenth East Judicial Circuit.

In fiscal year 1986-87, 124,279 cases were filed in Arkansas' general jurisdiction courts, representing an increase of 2.97% from the previous fiscal period. The percentage of increase in the circuit and chancery courts can be broken down as follows:

Cases Filed	**FY 86-87**	**FY 85-86**	**% Increase or Decrease**
Civil	36,401	35,747	+ 1.83%
Criminal	34,452	31,989	+ 7.70%
Chancery	42,022	41,826	+ .47%
Probate	11,404	11,137	+ 2.40%
Total-all courts	124,279	120,699	+ 2.97%

The courts of general jurisdiction disposed of 120,472 cases during this fiscal year, an increase of 5.96% from the previous fiscal year.

Cases Terminated	**FY 86-87**	**FY 85-86**	**% Increase or Decrease**
Civil	36,104	33,856	+ 6.64%
Criminal	32,793	30,186	+ 8.64%
Chancery	42,025	41,772	+ .61%
Probate	9,550	7,878	+ 21.22%
Total-all courts	120,472	113,692	+ 5.96%

The disposition rate compares the number of terminations to the number of filings. The disposition rate for courts of general jurisdiction was 96.94%, an average of 1721 terminations per judge. (See the disposition rates by circuit in the statistical section on page 49.)

There were 90,418 cases pending in the courts of general jurisdiction at fiscal year end, representing a 4.40% increase from the previous reporting period. These cases may be broken down as follows:

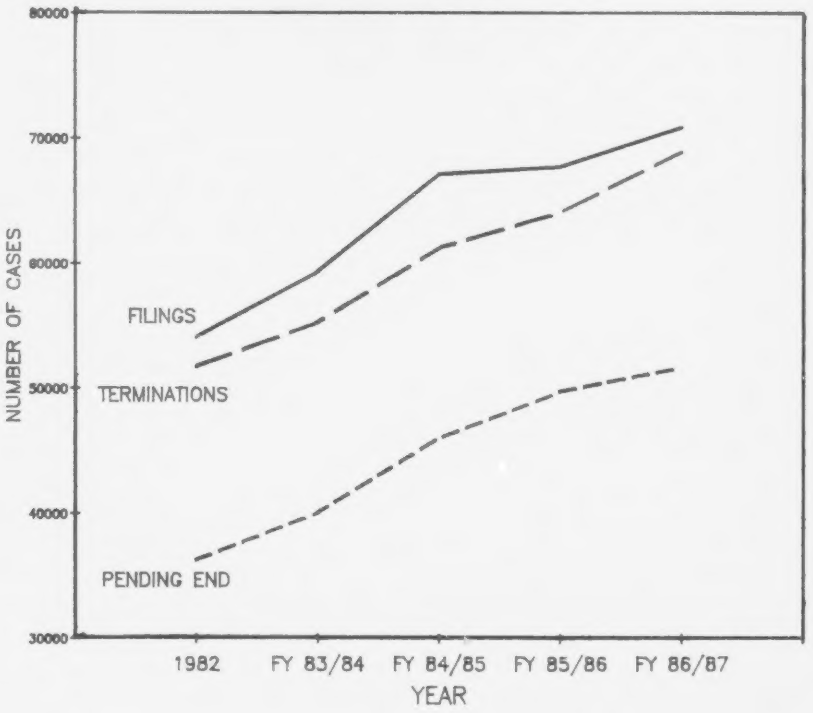
Cases Pending	**FY 86-87**	**FY 85-86**	**% Increase or Decrease**
Civil	25,175	24,879	+ 1.19%
Criminal	26,473	24,813	+ 6.69%
Chancery	22,246	22,249	− .01%
Probate	16,524	14,670	+ 12.64%
Total-all courts	90,418	86,611	+ 4.40%

Time Standards

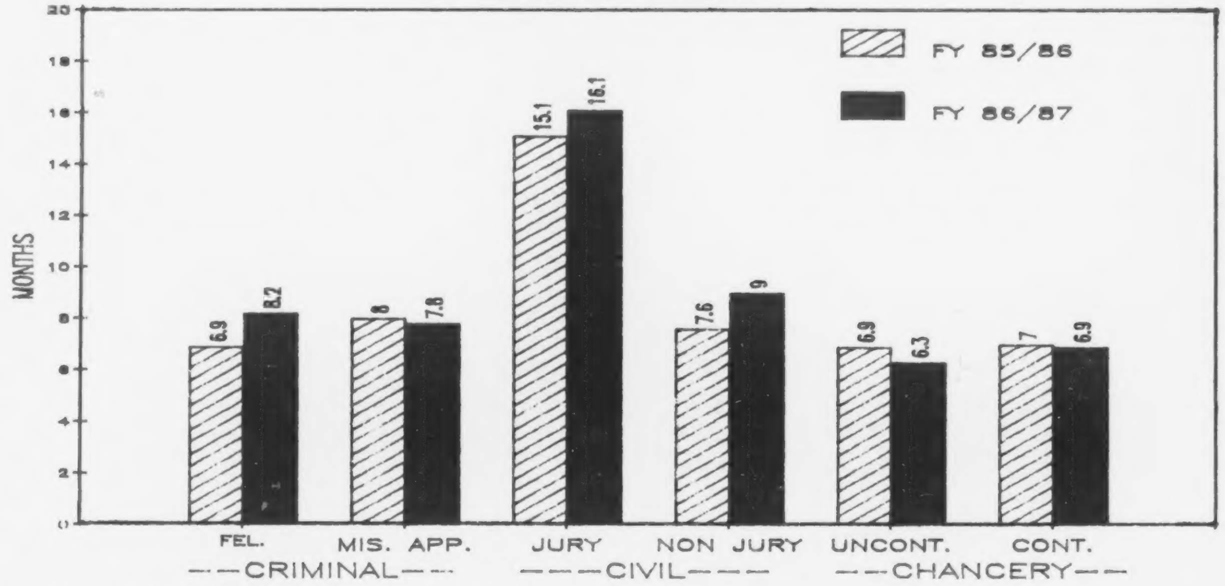
The chart on the following page compares Arkansas' court processing times for general jurisdiction courts. Processing time is defined as the average time it takes for a case or group of cases to be processed by the court system from filing to disposition. Time is expressed in months. The chart compares fiscal year 85/86 and fiscal year 86/87. Please remember that the figures presented here are statewide averages. Processing times vary widely by case and judicial circuit.

Generally, criminal and civil case processing time has increased. In chancery court, case processing time has decreased.

CIRCUIT COURTS
CASELOAD ACTIVITY
1982 - FY 86/87



STATE CASE PROCESSING TIMES
AS STATED IN MONTHS
FY 85/86 VS FY 86/87



Fel. = Felony
Mis. App. = Misdemeanor Appeals
Uncont. = Not Contested
Cont. = Contested

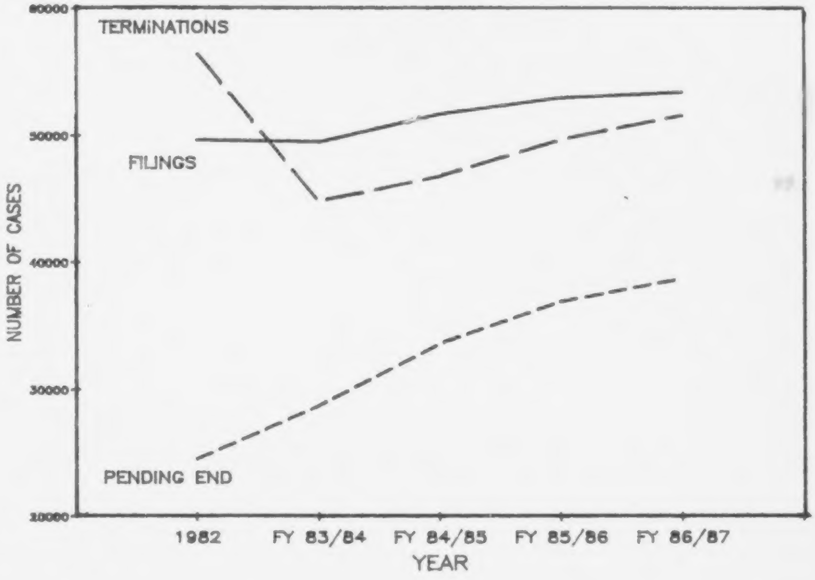
The chart reflects an increase in processing time of over one month for felony cases from last fiscal year to the present fiscal year. Misdemeanor appeals had a negligible decline.

Civil jury and non-jury cases reflect an increase in processing time. Non-jury cases increased by the larger amount of 1.4 months. Jury cases increased by one month.

Chancery cases reflect a decrease in average processing time with uncontested cases decreasing a little over one-half of a month. Contested cases decreased negligibly.

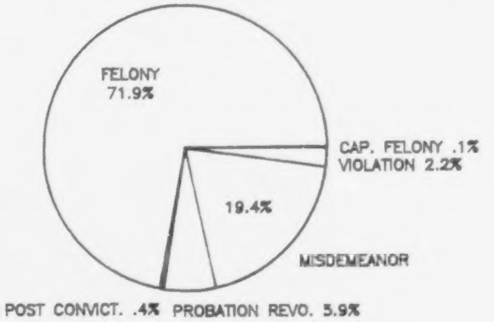
NOTE: It should be noted when examining the graph of chancery caseload activity that the sharp decline after 1982 was created by a change in reporting requirements for the probate courts.

CHANCERY COURTS
CASELOAD ACTIVITY (Including Probate)
1982 - FY 86/87



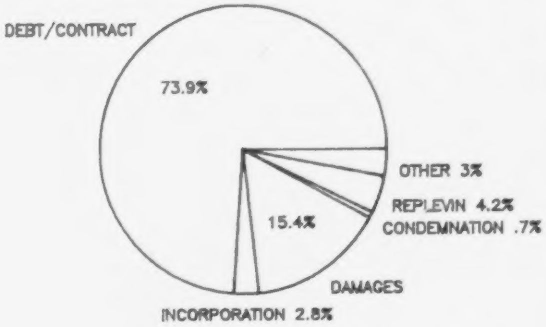
STATEWIDE FILINGS BY CASE TYPE
FY 1986/87
CIRCUIT COURT

CRIMINAL



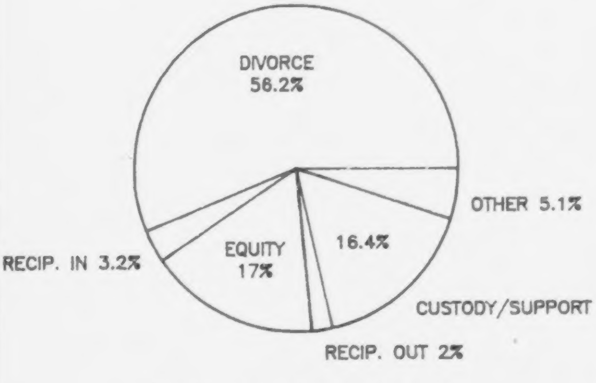
CRIMINAL CASES FILED (34,452)

CIVIL



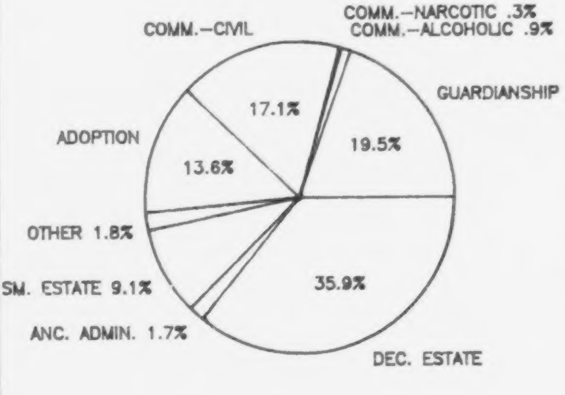
CIVIL CASES FILED (38,401)

CHANCERY COURT



CHANCERY CASES FILED (42,022)

PROBATE COURT



PROBATE CASES FILED (11,404)

GENERAL JURISDICTION JUDGES

These general jurisdiction judges were elected or appointed to their positions during fiscal year 1986-87.

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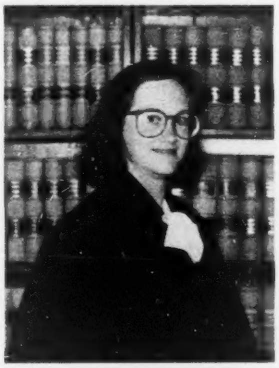
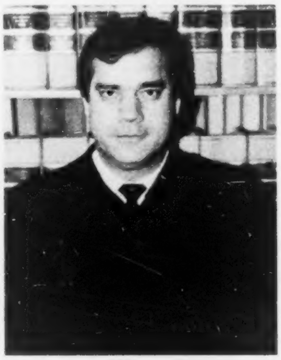
2nd Judicial Circuit

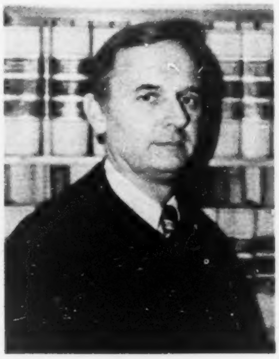


ELLEN BRANTLEY
Chancellor
6th Judicial Circuit

FRANCIS DONOVAN
Circuit Judge
20th Judicial Circuit

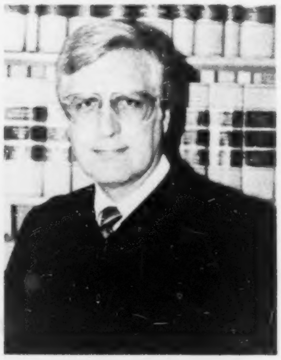


HAROLD ERWIN
Circuit Judge
3rd Judicial Circuit



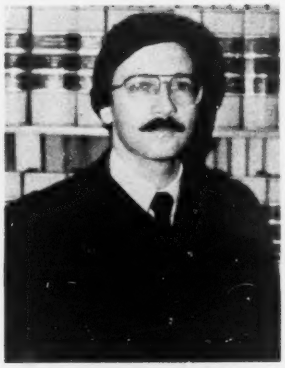
HARRY FOLTZ
Chancellor
12th Judicial Circuit

ROBERT GIBSON
Chancellor
10th Judicial Circuit

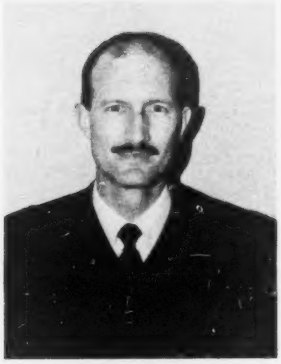


EDWARD JONES
Chancellor
13th Judicial Circuit

TOM KEITH
Circuit/Chancery Judge
19th Judicial Circuit



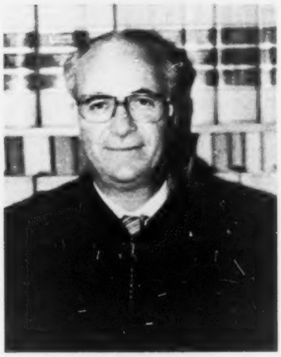
JOHN DAN KEMP
Circuit Judge
16th Judicial Circuit



STARK LIGON
Circuit Judge
10th Judicial Circuit

JERRY MAZZANTI
Chancellor
10th Judicial Circuit

OLAN PARKER
Circuit Judge
2nd Judicial Circuit



FLOYD "PETE" ROGERS
Circuit Judge
12th Judicial Circuit

KIM SMITH
Circuit Judge
4th Judicial Circuit

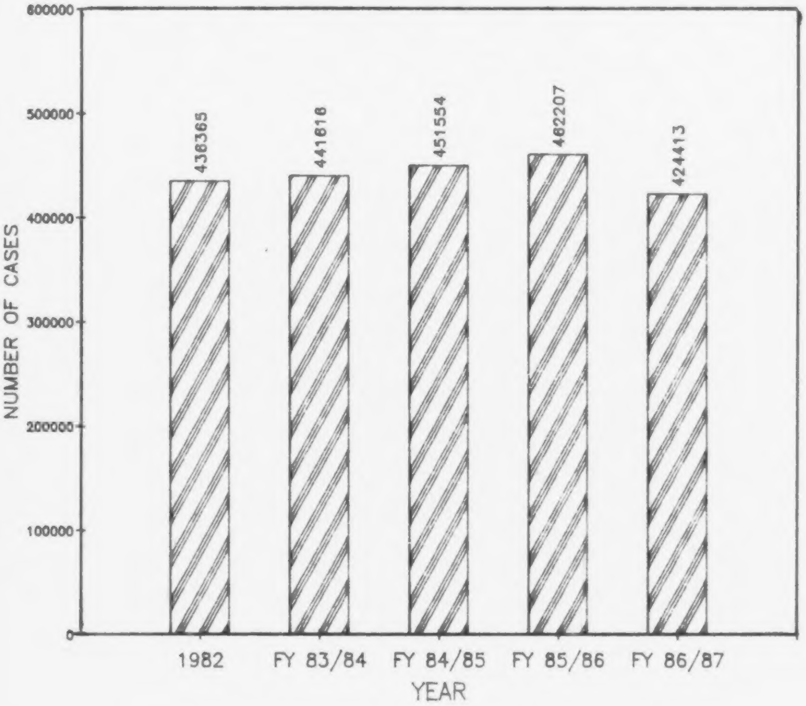
COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

The establishment of courts of limited jurisdiction is provided by the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. At present these courts include: municipal courts, county courts, courts of common pleas, city courts and police courts.

MUNICIPAL COURTS - Municipal courts in the State of Arkansas constitute the principal courts of limited jurisdiction and have county wide jurisdiction. These courts, presided over in most cases by part-time judges, handle a majority of the cases filed within the state. A municipal court can be established in one of three ways: in a "first class city" (those having a population of 2,400 or more); those cities that are the county seat; or by an act of the legislature. At present, there are 122 municipal courts in the state, presided over by 105 judges and assisted by 125 clerks. During the 1986-87 fiscal year the municipal courts of Arkansas reported 424,413 cases filed.

COUNTY COURTS - The county judge presides over the court and is also the business manager of the county. The jurisdiction and powers of the county courts include: original jurisdiction in all matters relating to county taxes, bastardy cases, paupers, apprenticeship of minors, and, in the absence of the chancellor from the county, the power to issue writs of injunction or restraining orders after an action has commenced. In the absence of the circuit judge, the county judge has the power to issue orders for injunctions.

MUNICIPAL COURT FILINGS
1982 - FY 86/87



JUVENILE COURTS - These courts were established in 1911 by the General Assembly. The court was originally presided over by the county judge, but in 1927 an act was passed to authorize the county judge to appoint a juvenile referee. On January 20, 1987, juvenile courts were declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court and subsequently became part of the circuit and chancery courts. (See "Major Developments" section.)

COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS - These courts are presided over by the county judges and are limited to civil actions in which the disputed amount does not exceed $1,000. Only thirteen counties in Arkansas are authorized to have courts of common pleas.

CITY COURTS - These courts, which number 94 in the state, function much the same as municipal courts with these exceptions: they are established in cities wtih a population of less than 2,400; they only have city wide jurisdiction; and the judge is not required to be an attorney. Established city courts are presided over by 83 judges, assisted by 94 clerks. In these courts, the judge is the mayor of the city.

POLICE COURTS - The jurisdiction in these courts is similar to that of city courts but the judge is elected as a judge, not as the mayor. Arkansas has 5 existing police courts.

THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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The Judicial Department is the administrative office for the non-judicial business of the courts. The staff consists of: Executive Secretary, Deputy Director, the Systems Division, Deaf Interpreter/Translator, Financial Officer, Legal Research Coordinator, Judicial Education Coordinator, Mental Health Magistrate and Foster Care Magistrate.

The Executive Secretary is responsible for assisting the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court with the administration of the judicial system. He also serves as secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Judicial Council.

The Deputy Director assists the Executive Secretary in all administrative functions and has the primary responsibility of monitoring the fiscal conditions of the courts.

The Systems Division of the Judicial Department has the responsibility for the statewide judicial information system. The Division monitors the uniformity of the judicial statistics of the courts and makes recommendations to the Executive Secretary for improvement of the reporting and collection process.

Municipal Judge Alan Epley of Eureka Springs (left) assists Kim Moore (center) and Joyce Duran (right), Judicial Department employees, during registration for the municipal judges conference. Registering is Municipal Judge Leroy Froman of Searcy.

Ben Houston and Beth Jose (standing), Data Auditors, review new computer programs with Ruby Lewis (seated), secretary.

The Systems Division also surveys the courts of record and compiles statistics reflecting their caseloads. In most instances, data is reported on paper forms completed in the clerks' offices and mailed to the division for computer entry. Several courts have begun utilizing computers and are sending reports on magnetic media, which can be fed directly into the computer.

The Deaf Interpreter/Translator is responsible for assisting the courts of the state in civil and criminal proceedings where deaf or hearing impaired people are involved. The interpreter is also responsible for developing training programs for other interpreters. During the 1986-87 fiscal year the Deaf Interpreter/Translator assisted in 93 hearings involving deaf citizens.

The Judicial Education Coordinator has the responsibility of planning and implementing seminars and programs involving the courts. During the past fiscal year, the Judicial Department has been able to assist with training to the Arkansas Judicial Council, the Arkansas Municipal Judges Council, court clerks, circuit and chancery case coordinators, juvenile referees and court reporters. The Coordinator has the added responsibility of editing the quarterly newsletter, *Friends of the Court,* and assisting with the preparation of the annual report.

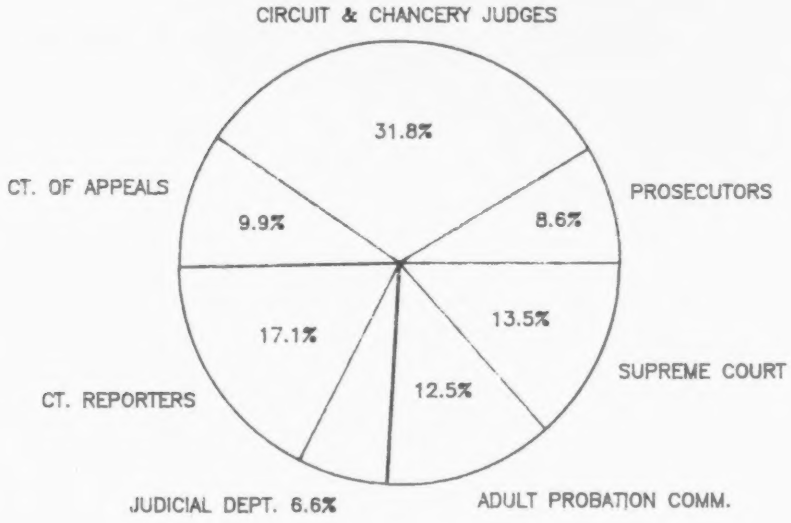
The Mental Health Magistrate conducts hearings at the State Hospital for the involuntary commitment of persons to the State Hospital. This court offers services to all counties in the state except for seven counties in the George W. Jackson Hospital "catchment" area in Northeast Arkansas. The caseload statistics of this office reflect 1,633 hearings docketed during FY 86-87, an increase of 31.9% from the previous fiscal year.

The Foster Care Magistrate hears cases where the Human Services Division of the Department of Social Services files a petition for guardianship in probate courts. The Magistrate has been appointed in 62 counties statewide and travels to the various judicial circuits to hold the necessary hearings. The Magistrate's caseload statistics for FY 86-87 reflect a total of 316 hearings, for an increase of 16.8% from the previous fiscal year.

COURT FINANCES

The state portion of the FY86-87 funding for courts is $16,594,411. This covers only those costs that are considered a state responsibility. The state assumes salaries and expenses for circuit and chancery judges, court reporters and prosecuting attorneys. The cost of operating the Judicial Department, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals is borne entirely by the state. This cost includes salaries and all other expenses related to the operation of their offices. The state assumes partial responsibility for funding the Adult Probation Commission. The remainder of court funding is provided by county and city government.

ARKANSAS JUDICIARY
STATE LEVEL BUDGET SUMMARY



FY 86/87 ($16,594,411)

COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COUNCILS AND COMMISSIONS FISCAL YEAR 1986-87

SUPREME COURT COMMITTEES

(Appointed by Supreme Court through per curiam order)

Committees on Rules of Pleading, Practice and Procedure

The Supreme Court has appointed two committees to advise the Court on changes to the Rules of Criminal and Civil Procedure in all courts of the state and to prescribe the time and manner of taking appeals. The committees are to serve as a vehicle for continuous study and review of the rules.

Members of the Civil Procedure Committee are: Henry Wilkinson, Chairman; David Blair, Thomas Butt, William Enfield, John Gill, Wendall Hall, Phillip Hicky, Frank Huckaba, Stephen Matthews, Jim Gunter, Dennis Shackleford, William Sutton, Walter Cox, Kenneth Gould and William Wilson, Jr. John Watkins is the official reporter for this committee.

Members of the Criminal Procedure Committee are: William Enfield, Chairman; William Allen, Robert Edwards, John Fogleman, Ray Hartenstein, Ray Guzman, Stevan Vowell, Philip Purifoy, James Ross, Jr., Robert Williams and Steele Hays. Samuel Perroni is the official reporter for this committee.

Committees on Model Jury Instructions

Two committees exist which are charged with the preparation of Model Jury Instructions, the Committee on Civil Jury Instructions and the Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions. Both committees remain active for the purpose of updating and revising the instructions as needed.

Members of the Civil Jury Instructions Committee are: Winslow Drummond, Chairman; Philip Anderson, Jr., W.H. Arnold, David Blair, Phillip Carroll, John Everett, Robert Jones, Jr., James McKenzie, Dale Price, Jacob Sharp, Jr., George Rose Smith, Floyd Thomas, Jr., Henry Woods, Tilden Wright, III, Paul Young and Justice Tom Glaze.

Members of the Criminal Jury Instructions Committee are: Wayne Matthews, Chairman; George Rose Smith, Gerald Brown, William Enfield, Jack Lessenberry, John Calhoun, Ray Guzman, Steve Engstrom, Frank Newell, Frederick Ursery, Tom Carpenter, Larry Carpenter and Justice Tom Glaze.

Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners

The Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners was established in 1983. This board has the primary responsibility of implementing and administering the rules and regulations of the Court Reporter Certification Program.

The Board is composed of seven members who are appointed by the Supreme Court. Four of the members are judges of the General Jurisdiction or Appellate Courts, and the remaining three members are court reporters. The members are appointed for a term of 3 years.

The members of the board are: Charles H. Eddy, Chairman; Gayle Ford, Jerry Mazzanti, Jack Lessenberry, Maude Parkman, Allen Hill and Joan Porter.

Board of Legal Specialization

The Board of Legal Specialization is responsible for the drafting, publishing, implementation and enforcement of the standards, rules and regulations that govern how attorneys may represent themselves to the public as specialists in one or more fields of law or law practice.

The members of the Board are: Tim Boe, Chairman; Richard Hatfield, Larry Yancey, Toney McMillan, Oliver Clegg, Charles Ledbetter, Bill Penix and Thomas Burke.

The Advisory Commission is composed of: George McClure, Chairman; Laverne Feaster, James Sloan, Carol Williams and Fred I. Brown.

Client Security Fund Committee

This Committee is authorized to consider claims of clients who have suffered losses by reason of dishonesty of attorneys who represented them. The committee is authorized to pay such claims (within limits) from a fund established by the Court and supported by a portion of the annual license fee. The committee is comprised of five members. One member is appointed at large and the remainder from each Congressional District. The members are: Bobby Shepherd, Chairman; James King, Donald Raney, Meredith Catlett and Dewain Hodge.

Committee on Professional Conduct

The Committee on Professional Conduct receives and investigates complaints against attorneys who are charged with professional misconduct. Activity of this committee is financed by a portion of the annual license fees.

Members of the committee are appointed by the Supreme Court to serve seven year terms. The committee is comprised of seven members. One is appointed from each Congressional District and three are appointed at large. Members of the committee are: Beryl Smith, Chairman; Sam Ed Gibson, Gary Isbell, Damon Young, Susan Miller, Nancy Wood and Darrell Brown. Mike Gaines, the only full-time employee, is the Executive Secretary of the committee.

State Board of Law Examiners

This Board prepares the questions for the Bar examinations conducted twice yearly, grades the papers of those taking the examinations and certifies to the Court the names of those who pass. It also investigates and recommends applicants for admission by reciprocity.

Members of the Board are appointed for a term of three years. Two members are appointed from each Congressional District, with three members appointed at large. Hayward Battle is the Executive Secretary. Members are: Bill Bristow, Chairman; Gale Stewart, Garland Ridenour, Ronald May, E. Lamar Pettus, Robert Hargraves, James McLarty, Roy Stanley, Martin Gilbert, James Pilkinton, Jr. and Joyce Warren.

Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

This committee has the responsibility of receiving and investigating complaints against persons charged with practicing law without a license.

One member is appointed from each Congressional District. Three members are appointed at large. The at-large members of the committee are non-lawyers.

The members of the committee are: Zack Wilson, Chairman; Jerry Pinson, Kathleen Bell, John Graves, Mel Orender, Wayne Hartsfield and Ernest Matkin.

OTHER COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS AND BOARDS

(The following organizations, which are not created by Supreme Court per curiam Order, are active within the judicial branch)

Arkansas Judicial Council, Inc.

The Judicial Council consists of the Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, Judges of the Circuit and Chancery Court and retired judges. The Council was organized to foster and preserve the integrity, dignity and independence of the judiciary; to promote uniformity and dispatch in judicial administration; to develop, implement and maintain a program of judicial education for assisting members newly elected or appointed to the bench; to provide continuing judicial education for members, accommodating the diverse needs of chancellors, circuit judges and appellate justices; and to select members of the Judicial Retirement Board.

The Judicial Council meets in the spring and fall each year. During the meetings, educational presentations are provided and the subcommittees meet to discuss issues that might affect the Judiciary.

Officers are: Circuit Judge John Goodson, President; Chancellor Eugene "Kayo" Harris, Vice-President; Chris Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer.

Municipal Judges Council, Inc.

The Municipal Judges Council was formed as a voluntary organization to: promote the effectiveness of the Municipal Courts; to provide a comprehensive educational program for all the municipal judges to meet with their peers to discuss criminal justice problems and solutions.

The Municipal Judges Council meets annually in May. Educational topics are presented and a business meeting is held to elect officers and discuss issues that concern municipal courts.

Officers of the Council are: John Crain, President; David Hale, First Vice-President; and Leroy Froman, Secretary-Treasurer.

Judicial Retirement Board

The Judicial Retirement Board was created to determine the eligibility for retirement or disability of judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit and Chancery Courts.

The members of the Board are selected and serve at the pleasure of the State Judicial Council. The members are: Associate Justice Robert Dudley, Gayle Ford and John Graves.

Judicial Ethics Committee

The Judicial Ethics Committee was created in 1977 and became operational in December of 1978. The committee has the following powers and duties:

1) to investigate formal charges or complaints or alleged violations of laws, canons of judicial ethics, and the mental or physical disability of members of the Supreme, Circuit, Chancery and Municipal Courts which affect their competency or ability to perform the duties of their office.
2) to prepare and file with the General Assembly a bill of charges, specifying the misconduct or disability with which a member of the judicial branch is charged, whenever the committee believes there is probable cause for discipline or removal from office.

The committee is composed of five members, appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the House and the Senate Committee on Committees. The members of the committee are: George Steel, Jr., Jerry Cavaneau, Meredith Wineland, Dale Price and Don Smith. The committee employs an investigator, David Harrel.

Code Revision Commission

This commission, established by statute, is responsible for publishing amendments to the statutes of Arkansas. During the 1987 legislative session the name of the commission was changed to the Arkansas Code Revision Commission and its duties were enlarged to provide for continuing review, revision, codification and updating of the statutes.

Supreme Court appointees to the commission are: William S. Arnold, Chairman; Douglas O. Smith, Jr. and William H. Sutton. Other commissioners are: R.B. Friedlander, Lawrence Averill, J.W. Looney, Senator Mike Beebe and Representative J.L. Shaver, Jr. Vince Henderson serves as Director of the Commission.

Adult Probation Commission

The Adult Probation Commission was established to make probation services available throughout the state, to improve the effectiveness of probation services, to provide alternatives to incarceration and to establish uniform probation administration standards.

The commission consists of nine members, five of whom are circuit judges who hear criminal cases and four who are private citizens not employed in the criminal justice system. Members serve a term of six years. Commission members are: Michael O'Brien, Chairman; William Enfield, Cecil Tedder, John Langston, Hugh Lookadoo, Gayle Ford, James Haddock, Lucretia McDonald and H.W. Stewart, Jr. Linda Oldner serves as Director of the Commission.

COURT PERSONNEL

SUPREME COURT, LAW CLERKS AND SECRETARIES

Chief Justice Jack Holt, Jr.
  Lynn Stringer, Clerk
  Todd Williams, Clerk
  Haley Yaniger, Administrative Assistant

Justice Darrell Hickman
  Jana Cairns, Clerk
  Zachary Muncy, Clerk
  Hilda Thomas, Secretary

Justice John Purtle
  James Powell, Clerk
  Donna Welch, Clerk
  Linda Frasure, Secretary

Justice Robert Dudley
  Patricia Luppen, Clerk
  Susan Stevens, Clerk
  Dee Hickman, Secretary

Justice Steele Hays
  Dorothy Crookshank, Clerk
  Drake Mann, Clerk
  Joan Hunter, Secretary

Justice David Newbern
  Valerie Denton, Clerk
  Pamela Marshall, Clerk
  Ann West, Secretary

Justice Tom Glaze
  Lucille DeGostin, Clerk
  Brad Newman, Clerk
  Martha Williamson, Secretary

SUPREME COURT STAFF

Dona Williams, Clerk
Robin Henthorne, Chief Deputy Clerk
Janie Owen, Deputy Clerk
Christopher J. (Kit) Acklin, Deputy Clerk
Rae Warren, Deputy Clerk
Todd Griffin, Deputy Clerk
Jacqueline Wright, Librarian
Margaret Anne Beam, Ass't Librarian
Mary Alexis Meiburger, Library Technical Assistant
Clyde Calliotte, Reporter of Decisions
Marlo Bush, Assistant Reporter of Decisions
Sue Newberry, Criminal Justice Coordinator
Pam Dodson, Secretary

COURT OF APPEALS, LAW CLERKS AND SECRETARIES

Chief Judge Don Corbin
  Becky Blass, Clerk
  Mildrie Boellner, Clerk
  Marilyn Cuffman, Secretary

Judge George Cracraft
  Cindy Fearno, Clerk
  Curtis Hampton, Clerk
  Linda Wortsell, Secretary

Judge Jim Cooper
  Mike Spencer, Clerk
  Deborah Johns, Clerk
  Judy Cooper, Secretary

Judge John Jennings
  Millie Hansen, Clerk
  Pat Dolson, Clerk
  Sherry Craven, Secretary

Judge Melvin Mayfield
  Marian Epperson, Clerk
  Emma Jane Ohnemus, Clerk
  Mary Mayfield, Secretary

Judge Beth Gladden Coulson
  Bill Jones, Clerk
  Mike Rosenthal, Clerk
  Lesa Morgan, Secretary

COURT OF APPEALS STAFF

Larry Jegley, Chief Staff Attorney
Kathy Holt, Staff Attorney
Rita Cunningham, Staff Attorney
Leslie Steen, Chief Deputy Clerk
Melissa Fuller, Deputy Clerk
Denise Parks, Deputy Clerk
Greta Bivens, Deputy Clerk
Ray Allen Waters, Deputy Clerk
Debbie Garner, Secretary
Janet Dean, Receptionist

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT STAFF

Christopher Thomas, Executive Secretary
Jack Jarrett, Deputy Director
John Stewart, Chief, Systems Division
Angela Jegley, Foster Care Magistrate
Elizabeth Dowling, Mental Health Magistrate
Shirley Herald, Court Translator/Interpreter
Keith Caviness, Research Coordinator
Rose Stewart, Financial Officer
Kay Boothman, Judicial Education Coordinator
Jack Marks, System Analyst
Pete Neathery, Programmer
Eileen Parins, Data Auditor II
Dinda Hemphill, Data Auditor II
Elizabeth Jose, Data Auditor I
Ben Houston, Data Auditor I
Sue Blenden, Data Auditor I
Brandon Clark, Intake Officer
Melinda Amundson, Court Reporter
Kim Moore, Court Reporter
Karolyn Bond, Court Reporter
Nancy Jewell, Office Manager
Joyce Duran, Secretary
Ruby Lewis, Secretary

Note: All personel noted in this section reflect only those who were in employment with the judicial system during the 1986-87 fiscal year.

CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY JUDGES

CIRCUIT	CIRCUIT JUDGE	CHANCELLOR
1	Henry Wilkinson	John Pittman
	Harvey Yates	Bentley Story
2	Olan Parker, Jr.	Graham Partlow
	David Burnett	Howard Templeton
	Gerald Pearson	Rice Van Ausdall
3	Harold Erwin	Tom L. Hilburn
4	Mahlon Gibson	Thomas F. Butt
	Kim Smith	John Lineberger
5	John S. Patterson	Richard Mobley
6	David Bogard	Ellen Brantley
	Tom F. Digby	John Earl
	Jack Lessenberry	Lee A. Munson
	John W. Langston	Judith Rogers
	Floyd Lofton	
	Perry Whitmore	
7	John W. Cole	Robert Garrett
8	John W. Goodson	Jim Gunter
	*Philip B. Purifoy	
9-E	*Hugh Lookadoo	
9-W	*Ted Capeheart	
10	Paul K. Roberts	Jerry Mazzanti
	Stark Ligon	Robert Gibson
11-E	*Russell Rogers	
11-W	H.A. Taylor	Lawrence Dawson
	Randall Williams	Eugene Harris
12	John Holland	Warren Kimbrough
	Floyd Rogers	Harry Foltz
	*Don Ray Langston	
13	Harry F. Barnes	Charles Plunkett
	John Graves	Ed Jones
14	Robert M. McCorkindale, II	Roger V. Logan, Jr.
15	Charles H. Eddy	Van Taylor
16	John Dan Kemp	Carl McSpadden
17-E	Cecil Tedder	Jim Hannah
17-W	*Jim Burnett	
18-E	Walter Wright	John Robbins
18-W	*Gayle Ford	
19	William Enfield	Oliver Adams
	*Tom Keith	
20	Francis Donovan	Andre McNeil

*Circuit/Chancery & Probate Judge

COURT REPORTERS

Circuit	Circuit Reporter	Chancery Reporter
1	Charlene Chandler	Beverly Campbell
	Nancy Norman	Carla Kelly
2	Ralphalene Forbis	Margie Arwood
	Al Barnett	William Kisselburg
	Clyde Still	Cecilia Ragsdale
3	Evelyn Stackhouse	Anita Howard
4	Rita Goss	Darlene Taylor
	Karen Morrow	Bernice Bates
5	Johna Gibson	Ruth Teal
6	Nina S. Flack	Lana Carrier
	Patricia Toland	Jacqueline L. Bell
	Raymia Baucom	Bill McFarland
	Loretta Johnson	Maudine Dawson
	Ellen Kuciejski	
	Genie Power	
7	Lois Green	Sally Cox
8	Jewell Benson	Carl Arrington
	*Betty Voltz	
9-E	*Mary Dixon	
9-W	*Elizabeth McAlister	
10	Nan Coburn	Bobby Painton
	Mike Ashcraft	Marilyn Ashcraft
11-E	*Jill Barber	
11-W	Barbara H. Bryant	Phoebe Spharler
	Joan Williams	Nell Rose Wilson
12	Barbara Walker	Rebecca Kimbrough
	Wylie Brewer	Marilyn Green
	*Joan Douglas	
13	Marian Schmidt	Sherry Freeland
	Eloise Paulus	L. Sue M. Bell
14	Patti Honeycutt	Patty Frederick
15	Laverne Ball	Larry Shepherd
16	Fay Dilbeck	Patsy Newcomb
17-E	Allen Hill	Linda Goforth
17-W	*Kathy Minton	
18-E	Terry Jackson	Mary Hill
18-W	*Joyce Wolfe	
19	Kenneth W. Dover	Janis Hall
	*Joyce Cooper	
20	Carol Simmons	Rita Collums

*Combined Court Reporter for Circuit and Chancery

CASE COORDINATORS

Circuit	Circuit Coordinator	Chancery Coordinator
4	Saundra Gibon	Tamara Duncan
	Joan Lester	Cathy Gardisser
5	Roberta Golden	
6	Fonda Lyle 1st Div.	Beverly Hornibrook
	Veda Rutherford 2nd Div.	Bobbi Vinson
	Ann Wood 3rd Div.	Debbie Hall
	Adele Evans 4th Div.	Tommie Ellis
	Josie Lasater 5th Div.	
	Trudy Jacobson 6th Div.	
7	Melinda Nall	
8	*Mary Pankey	Donna Watkins
9-E	*Billie Coulter	
9-W	*Esther Capeheart	
11-E	*Stacey Sebree	
11-W	Eva Glover	Maria Lafferty
	Docie Peden	Shirley Stewart
12	Janet Smith	Jackie Railey
	Vicky Doss	Brenda Thompson
	*Carol Langston	
	**Denora Coomer	
13	Sandra Smith	
14	Barbara Lucas	Fran Lair
15	Pat McVey	Lea Ellen Witt
16	Donna Sullivan	
17-E	Lana Baucom	JoAnn Brown
17-W	*Jeannie Pack	
18-E	Debbie Lovelace	Jana Hawley
18-W	*Glenda Yahn	
19	Linda Jackson	Sidney Hewgley
	*Terri Womack	
20	Charlotte Garrett	Penny Blake

*Combined Coordinator for Circuit and Chancery
**Trial Court Administrator

COUNTY JUDGES AND JUVENILE REFEREES

County	**County Judge**	**Juvenile Referee**
ARKANSAS	Bobby Ashcraft	***
ASHLEY	Don Hartley	Tim Tarvin
BAXTER	Joe Dillard	Ron Kincade
BENTON	A.E. "Al" Norwood	Blaine Jackson
BOONE	Clifford Gale	Bill Doshier*
BRADLEY	Joe L. Fowler	Robert Garner***
CALHOUN	William "Bill" Wylie	Ronnie A. Phillips
CARROLL	Jack Beeson	Kent Coxsey
CHICOT	Paul G. Fisher	O.C. Burnside
CLARK	Jim Fisher	John Jackson
CLAY	Harry Niewald	Gary Garland
CLEBURNE	Harvey Adcock	Stephen Choate
CLEVELAND	Ron Curry	Ronnie A. Phillips
COLUMBIA	R.W. "Bob" Henderson	Rodney Chambers
CONWAY	T.J. Mahan	Bart Virden
CRAIGHEAD	Roy "Red" Bearden	William L. Howard
CRAWFORD	George Willmuth	Paul D. Gant
CRITTENDEN	Brian Williams	W.P. Rainey
CROSS	Roger Fisher	***
DALLAS	Wylie Faucett	Ronnie A. Phillips
DESHA	Bain L. Poole	Brooks Gill
DREW	Dale Hughes	Sam Bird
FAULKNER	Gerald Ward	***
FRANKLIN	Joe Powell	Gregory P. McKenzie
FULTON	Dowl Godwin	Jim Short
GARLAND	Bud Williams	Paul R. Bosson
GRANT	Roy E. Baxley	J. Larry Allen
GREENE	Jerry Shipman	Jon Williams
HEMPSTEAD	W.E. "Buddy" Smith	***
HOT SPRING	Ray Francis	Mark Roberts
HOWARD	Clyde Green	Edwin J. Alford
INDEPENDENCE	David Wyatt	Linda Boone
IZARD	Paul Weaver	Connie Barksdale
JACKSON	Bobby Miller	***
JEFFERSON	Earl Chadick	Jimmy D. Joyce
JOHNSON	Bobby Joe Wilkins	Benny E. Swindell
LAFAYETTE	Jesse Sanders	***
LAWRENCE	Elmer Gibbs	***
LEE	Kenneth Hunter	***
LINCOLN	Rita Shepherd	Mark Binns
LITTLE RIVER	Hoye Horn	John C. Finley, III
LOGAN	Bill Roberts	Brian Mueller
LONOKE	Don C. Spence	Joe O'Bryan
MADISON	Charles Whorton, Jr.	W.Q. Hall
MARION	Berry Burleson	Michael Kelly**
MILLER	Wiley Parham	Joe E. Griffin
MISSISSIPPI	Joe Gurley	Max Harrison
MONROE	Tom Catlett	***
MONTGOMERY	Ted Abernathy	William H. McKimm
NEVADA	Bobby Taylor	***
NEWTON	Alton L. Campbell	Thomas Martin**
OUACHHITA	Alfred Smith	John E. Gaughan, III
PERRY	George McNeal	***
PHILLIPS	A.Y. Gordon	John Anderson
PIKE	Harlon Duren	***
POINSETT	Steve Ryan	Patricia Van Ausdall
POLK	Wingo Johnson	James D. Stoker
POPE	William Abernathy	Dale Finley
PRAIRIE	Guyman G. DeVore	Robert Abney

COUNTY JUDGES AND JUVENILE REFEREES, cont'd

County	County Judge	Juvenile Referee
PULASKI	Don Venhaus	Vicky Sandage/Angela Jegley
RANDOLPH	Jim Andrews	***
ST. FRANCIS	Carol E. Cisco	B. Michael Easley
SALINE	Parker Johnston	Paul K. Lancaster
SCOTT	Larry Brigance	Donald Goodner
SEARCY	Duford Taylor	***
SEBASTIAN	W.R. "Bud" Harper	Ronald Harrison
SEVIER	O.H. "Rusty" Durham	Robert Lowery
SHARP	Franklin Arnold	***
STONE	Coleman Gammill	Jeff Dobbins
UNION	Mike Dumas	Michael Landers
VAN BUREN	J.D. Payne	***
WASHINGTON	Charles Johnson	Earl Hafer
WHITE	Waylon Heathscott	A. Watson Bell
WOODRUFF	John Davis	***
YELL	James Lee Witt	Randall Dixon

*Circuit Judge hears cases.
**Chancery Judge hears cases.
***Circuit and Chancery Judges hear cases.

CIRCUIT CLERKS AND COUNTY CLERKS

County	Circuit Clerk	County Clerk
ARKANSAS	Joan Pollard	David Powell
ASHLEY	C. Dean Nelson	Sarah Atkins
BAXTER	Arnold Knight	Arnold Knight
BENTON	Sue Hodges	Mary Lou Slinkard
BOONE	Helen Speer	David Witty
BRADLEY	Catherine Richardson	Ioma McKinney
CALHOUN	Harold Watson	Harold Watson
CARROLL	Jackie Bunch	Stephen Swofford
CHICOT	Gladys Hicks	Kathy P. Johnson
CLARK	Billy C. Williams	Lynda C. Franklin
CLAY	Gary N. Magee	Lavon Smart
CLEBURNE	Wetzel Stark	Wetzel Stark
CLEVELAND	John T. Reed	John T. Reed
COLUMBIA	Harold Rogers	Nell Marie Smith
CONWAY	Bobby Epperson	Jerry R. Scroggins
CRAIGHEAD	Pat Fleetwood	Harold Thompson
CRAWFORD	Linda Howard	Harold D. Loyd
CRITTENDEN	Mary S. Besett	Sallye B. Brady
CROSS	Vernon Horton	Joline Norris
DALLAS	Norma Castleberry	Norma Castleberry
DESHA	Gale M. Rowland	Brenda Smith
DREW	Vivian Harris	W. "Mike" Cavaness
FAULKNER	Sharon Rimmer	Ruben Goss
FRANKLIN	Janis Morris	Mary Williams
FULTON	Gene Maguffee	Gene Maguffee
GARLAND	Calvin Sanders	Nancy Jean Johnson
GRANT	Maurice Shoptaw	Maurice Shoptaw
GREENE	Mildred Gramling	Nadine Jamison
HEMPSTEAD	Carolyn Neel	Velora Haltom
HOT SPRING	Ralph Parrish	Carole Burns
HOWARD	Kay McClure	Shirley Dildy
INDEPENDENCE	Ron Webb	Margaret Boothby
IZARD	Charles Cheatham	Charles Cheatham

CIRCUIT CLERKS AND COUNTY CLERKS, cont'd

County	Circuit Clerk	County Clerk
JACKSON	Donald Daniels	Geneva Leland
JEFFERSON	Dorothy Pearson	A.G. "Abe" Stone
JOHNSON	Betty Hardgrave	Elmo Cater
LAFAYETTE	Tom Stevens	Diane Fletcher
LAWRENCE	Carolyn Hayes	Vurnece H. Jones
LEE	Willa Dean Spath	Pat Wilson
LINCOLN	Vera B. Reynolds	Virginia B. Adcox
LITTLE RIVER	Helen M. Green	Delores Pullen
LOGAN	Debbie Williams	Sonja C. Fletcher
LONOKE	Mary Jane Hallum	Myrtle Finch
MADISON	Shirley Allred	Herbert Hathorn
MARION	Lois Stonecipher	Lois Stonecipher
MILLER	Judy C. Langley	Ann Nicholas
MISSISSIPPI	Donna DiCicco	JoAnn Morgan
MONROE	Phyllis Stinson	Janet E. Tweedle
MONTGOMERY	Jo Neil Morphew	Jo Neil Morphew
NEVADA	Louises Haynie	Nell Grifford
NEWTON	Clinton Daniels	Clinton Daniels
OUACHITA	Elizabeth Eppinette	Juanita Biggers
PERRY	Barbara L. Lovell	Barbara L. Lovell
PHILLIPS	Wanda McIntosh	Kay Benz
PIKE	Dian Henderson	Dian Henderson
POINSETT	Barbara Eastin	Ralph L. Walker
POLK	Linda Jones	Pat Myers
POPE	Juanita Barber	Don Johnson
PRAIRIE	Nancy Guthrie	Nancy Guthrie
PULASKI	Jacquetta Alexander Edward L. "Skip" Cullum	Carolyn Staley
RANDOLPH	Jack Wilson	Phyllis French
ST. FRANCIS	W.C. "Bill" Gatling	Dick Krablin
SALINE	James H. Seals	George Ramsey
SCOTT	Evelyn Ammons	Evelyn Ammons
SEARCY	Deris L. Adams	Deris L. Adams
SEBASTIAN	Peggy Watson	Betty Jaber
SEVIER	Ann Miller	Sandra Dunn
SHARP	Tommy Estes	Tommy Estes
STONE	Glenda White	Glenda White
UNION	Lorene Flenniken	Madelyn Atkison
VAN BUREN	Maurice Stoltzfus	Maurice Stoltzfus
WASHINGTON	Alma Kollmeyer	Marilyn Edwards
WHITE	Alice Barker	Mary Mann
WOODRUFF	Forrestine Taggert	Pat Rives
YELL	Carolyn Morris	Carolyn Morris

MUNICIPAL JUDGES AND CLERKS

CITY/County	**Judge**	**Clerk**
ARKADELPHIA/Clark	B.W. Sanders	Elizabeth Garner
ASHDOWN/Little River	John C. Finley, III	Ernestene Lewis
ASH FLAT/Sharp	Kevin King	Doris Wright
AUGUSTA/Woodruff	Ray A. Waters, Jr.	Tanya Baker
BATESVILLE/Independence	Roy Edward Thomas	Brenda Bobrosky
BENTON/Saline	Paul K. "Pete" Lancaster	Diane Mattison
BENTON COUNTY-WEST/Benton	Thurston Thompson	Julia Bowman
BENTONVILLE/Benton	John Skaggs	Caroline McElroy
BERRYVILLE/Carroll	H. Paul Jackson	Thelma Bohannan
BISCOE/Prairie	Gary B. Rogers	Carolyn Prince
BLYTHEVILLE/Mississippi	Max B. Harrison	Dorothy Besharse
BOONEVILLE/Logan	C. Richard Lippard	Marie Hill
BRINKLEY/Monroe	Larry Horton	Dot Glover
BRYANT/Saline	D. Derrell Davis	Dianne Pittman
CABOT/Lonoke	Lance Hanshaw	Marva Verkler
CAMDEN/Ouachita	Edwin A. Keaton	Corin Blackwood
CARLISLE/Lonoke	Joseph V. Svoboda	Vicki L. Elder
CHARLESTON/Franklin	Stephen A. White	Dorena J. Smith
CLARENDON/Monroe	Robert Serio	Tammy Ellis
CLARKSVILLE/Johnson	Len Bradley	Marlene Dugan
CLINTON/Van Buren	Stephen James	Liz James
CONWAY/Faulkner	Russell "Jack" Roberts	Shirley Garrett
CORNING/Clay	Guy Brinkley	Donna Ermert
CROSSETT/Ashley	W.P. Switzer	Teresa Stanley
DARDANELLE/Yell	Ken Helton	Linda Goocher
DeQUEEN/Sevier	Robert L. Lowery	Marceline Robinson
DERMOTT/Chicot	Don Glover	Linda B. Bolding
DeVALLS BLUFF/Prairie	Gary B. Rogers	Peggy Murphy
DeWITT/Arkansas	Claude Jenkins	Elizabeth Ferguson
DUMAS/Desha	L. David Stubbs	Mary S. Howard
EAST CAMDEN/Ouachita	Edwin Keaton	Ann Nordmeyer
EL DORADO/Union	Edwin B. Alderson, Jr.	Kay McVay
ELKINS/Washington	Ray Reynolds	Teresa Ruble
ENGLAND/Lonoke	Joseph Svoboda	Ruth Baker
EUDORA/Chicot	David Gillison, Jr.	Cecilia Jasay
EUREKA SPRINGS/Carroll	Alan D. Epley	Linda Clark
FAYETTEVILLE/Washington	Charles N. Williams	Michele Friend
FORDYCE/Dallas	Grady R. Colvin	Carolyn Lyons (City) Dana Hardman (County)
FORREST CITY/St. Francis	John D. Bridgforth	Peggy M. Long
FORT SMITH/Sebastian	John Settle	Martha L. Hallsted
GOULD/Lincoln	Murray F. Armstrong	Sharon Gasaway
GRADY/Lincoln	Murray F. Armstrong	Mary Ann Staggs
GREENWOOD/Sebastian	David R. Rogers	Beverly Bryan
HAMBURG/Ashley	Tim Tarvin	Mary Ann White
HAMPTON/Calhoun	Ron A. Phillips	Wanda Ivy (City) Diane Gifford (County)
HARRISBURG/Poinsett	Patricia Van Ausdall	Essie Arnold
HARRISON/Boone	Donald J. West	Jimmie Canady (City) Charlotte Stratton (County)
HAZEN/Prairie	Gary B. Rogers	Ellen Stewart
HEBER SPRINGS/Cleburne	Stephen Choate	Bonnie Caillouet
HELENA/Phillips	Edward Grauman	Mildred Sallis
HOPE/Hempstead	James H. Pilkinton, Jr.	Georgia Bledsoe
HOT SPRINGS/Garland	John Homer Wright	Hazel E. Gossett
HUNTSVILLE/Madison	W.Q. Hall	Susan Bates
JACKSONVILLE/Pulaski	Robert Batton	Martha Boyd
JASPER/Newton	Karen Walker	Mary Lou Breedlove
JONESBORO/Craighead	W.F. "Bill" Webster	Brenda Kaye Tyler

MUNICIPAL JUDGES AND CLERKS, cont'd

CITY/County	Judge	Clerk
LAKE CITY/Craighead	W.F. "Bill" Webster	Paulette Smith
LAKE VILLAGE/Chicot	David Gillison, Jr.	Cecilia Jasay
LEPANTO/Poinsett	Steve Inboden	Linda Cockrell
LEWISVILLE/Lafayette	Patsy Robinson	Mary Joe Rogers
LITTLE ROCK/Pulaski	Allan Dishongh	Lee Ann Cissel
LITTLE ROCK/Pulaski	Bill Watt	Pat Buell Ison
LONOKE/Lonoke	Lance Hanshaw	Carole J. Tefteller
McCRORY/Woodruff	Richard Proctor	Sue Tiner
McGEHEE/Desha	Robert M. Smith	Delores Crumpler
MAGNOLIA/Columbia	Rodney T. Chambers	Diane H. Byerley
MALVERN/Hot Spring	William C. Gilliam	Shelia A. Crain
MARIANNA/Lee	Dan Felton, III	Bobbie Lou Allen (City) Mary Jo Caruth (County)
MARION COUNTY/Marion	Kenneth Smith	Kim Johnston
MARKED TREE/Poinsett	Burk Dabney	Mary Lewis
MARSHALL/Searcy	Jerry D. Patterson	Mary Lou Patterson
MAUMELLE/Pulaski	David Pake	Clare Salley
MELBOURNE/Izard	Connie B. Barksdale	Bonnie Rush
MENA/Polk	James D. Stoker	Lavena Rackley
MONTICELLO/Drew	William Daniels	Barbara L. Kemp
MORRILTON/Conway	James Scott Adams	Doris Coulter
MOUNT IDA/Montgomery	William H. McKimm	Martha Schueller
MOUNTAIN HOME/Baxter	John Crain	Anne L. Porter
MOUNTAIN VIEW/Stone	Jeff Dobbins	Lori Dobbins
MURFREESBORO/Pike	Jimmy L. Featherston	Mary Lingo
NASHVILLE/Howard	Edwin L. Alford	Marilyn Strickland
NEWPORT/Jackson	Ronald Winningham	Erma L. Poe
NO. LITTLE ROCK/Pulaski	Joel C. Cole	Deanie Dunn
NO. LITTLE ROCK/Pulaski	Dean R. Morley	Betty Mathes
OSCEOLA/Mississippi	Janet Moore Hart	Gloria Rapert
OZARK/Franklin	Joe Ramos	Patricia Brashears
PARAGOULD/Greene	Andrew Fulkerson	Mary Lou Gist
PARIS/Logan	David Cravens	Mona R. Bauer
PERRYVILLE/Perry	John W. "Buddy" Raines	Shandra Tipton
PIGGOTT/Clay	Guy Brinkley	Janie Brinkley
PINE BLUFF/Jefferson	Steve Dalrymple	Linda M. Burroughs
POCAHONTAS/Randolph	V. James King, Jr.	Elizabeth Penn
PRAIRIE GROVE/Washington	Robert Gladwin	Wanda Allen
PRESCOTT/Nevada	Duncan Culpepper	Judy Sullivan
PULASKI COUNTY/Pulaski	David Hale	Robert Jones
RECTOR/Clay	Guy Brinkley	Laura Foster
RISON/Cleveland	Sanford Beshear, Jr.	Cindy Beshear
ROGERS/Benton	Thurston Thompson	Pat Jacobs
RUSSELLVILLE/Pope	Dennis Sutterfield	Esther Shuffield
SALEM/Fulton	Jim Short	Verneal Braden
SEARCY/White	Leroy Froman	Linda Maddox
SHERIDAN/Grant	J. Larry Allen	Doris Ashcraft
SHERWOOD/Pulaski	Milas H. Hale	Barbara Collier
SILOAM SPRINGS/Benton	Stephen S. Thomas	Susan Glenn
SPRINGDALE/Washington	Stanley W. Ludwig	Ann Arrington
STAR CITY/Lincoln	Murray F. Armstrong	Sue Temple (City) Donna Boardman (County)
STUTTGART/Arkansas	Cecil C. Matthews	Vicky L. Cash
TEXARKANA/Miller	Joe E. Griffin	Valerie Buster
TRUMANN/Poinsett	Steve Inboden	Patti Talbot
TYRONZA/Poinsett	Steve Inboden	Ronald Hall
ULM/Prairie	Gary B. Rogers	Lorraine Doepel
VAN BUREN/Crawford	Gary Cottrell	Donna Parrish
WALDRON/Scott	Donald Goodner	Sandy Jones

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CITY/County	Judge	Clerk
WALNUT RIDGE/Lawrence	Harry L. Ponder	D. Benson Hart
WARREN/Bradley	Robert E. "Bob" Garner	Carolyn F. Lathan
WEST FORK/Washington	John Mark Lindsay	Paulette Welch
WEST HELENA/Phillips	Jesse E. "Rusty" Porter, Jr.	Julia S. Adkins
WEST MEMPHIS/Crittenden	William P. Rainey	Debbie Austin
WHITE HALL/Jefferson	Charles S. Goldberger	Marilyn P. Duggan
WYNNE/Cross	Richard L. Proctor	Olive Bock
YELL COUNTY/Yell	Ken Helton	Linda Goocher

CITY JUDGES AND CLERKS

CITY/County	Judge	Clerk
ALEXANDER/Pulaski	Willis Lewis	Tina Jordan
ALLPORT/Lonoke	William Reed	Sherry Walker
ALMA/Crawford	Paul Gant	Ginger Bradley
ALTHEIMER/Jefferson	Charles Goldberger	Elsie Lybrand
ALTUS/Franklin	Joe Ramos	Patricia Brashears
AMITY/Clark	Hershel Pittman	Maurice Hancock
ARKANSAS CITY/Desha	Richard Bixler	Joyce Mangum
ATKINS/Pope	Dale Braden	Brenda Graves
AUSTIN/Lonoke	Lance Hanshaw	Janice Eddy
BALD KNOB/White	Whit Fowlkes	Pearlene Randall
BARLING/Sebastian	Ray Hodnett	Ronal Naffziger
BEARDEN/Ouachita	Paul Lindsay	Sue Jackson
BEEBE/White*	Thomas Hughes, III	Lillian Culwell
BRADFORD/White	Larry Killough, Jr.	C.M. Goad
BRADLEY/Lafayette	James T. Gray	Billie Gray
BUCKNER/Lafayette	Roy Z. Kimbell, Sr.	Roy Z. Kimbell, Sr.
BULL SHOALS/Marion	Judith Bearden	Caryl Thompson
CALICO ROCK/Izard	Connie Barksdale	C.R. Cantrell
CAMMACK VILLAGE/Pulaski	Dan P. Chiscolm	Sue Hall
CAVE SPRINGS/Benton	Darrell Marsh	Jo Ann Graham
COTTER/Baxter	John Crain	Becky Beauchamp
COTTON PLANT/Woodruff	Richard Proctor	Robbie Perkins
CRAWFORDSVILLE/Crittenden	William C. Howe	Julie Alpe
DAMASCUS/Faulkner	William Wharton	Roy Payne
DES ARC/Prairie	Elmer C. Clark	Shirley Greenwood
DIAZ/Jackson	B. Richard Allen	Jean Sullins
DOVER/Pope	Steve Gardner	Judy Petty
EARLE/Crittenden*	Billy Rogers	Gwendolyn Wright
ELAINE/Phillips	Edward Grauman	Charlene Keen
EMMET/Nevada	Dale Booker	Frank Prescott
FARMINGTON/Washington	Jim Rose, III	Margie Smith
FISHER/Poinsett	Daniel Barker	Freda Long
FLIPPEN/Marion	Kenneth Smith	Jean Marshall
FOREMAN/Little River	Wausita Hinton	Wausita Hinton
FOUKE/Miller	Virgil M. Roberts	Elizabeth Davis
GASSVILLE/Baxter	John Crain	Lynne Phillips
GILLETT/Arkansas	Carl J. Madsen	Sharon Beverburg
GLENWOOD/Pike	Phillip M. Clay	Phyllis Eskew
GOSNELL/Mississippi	Richard A. Reid	Janice Gray
GRAVETTE/Benton	John Terry Lee	Marty Burnett
GREEN FOREST/Carroll	Alan Epley	Janice Moore
GREENBRIER/Faulkner	Russell "Jack" Roberts	Zelda Holloway
GREENLAND/Washington	John Baker	Patricia Watkins
GREERS FERRY/Cleburne	R. Bryan Tilley	Donna Carnes
GURDON/Clark	Ricky Frizzell	Shari Harper

CITY JUDGES AND CLERKS, cont'd

CITY/County	Judge	Clerk
GUY/Faulkner	Russell "Jack" Roberts	June Lindsey
HOLLY GROVE/Monroe*	Raymond Abramson	Jeanie Helms
HORSESHOE BEND/Izard	Dwayne Plumlee	Sherry Southwell
HOXIE/Lawrence	Larry Hayes	Terrell Downing
HUGHES/St. Francis	Dr. G.R. Cullum	Len Bartee
HUMNOKE/Lonoke	William Reed	Ruby Teer
HUMPHREY/Arkansas	Charles Goldberger	Mary Montgomery
JOHNSON/Washington	John B. Baker	Julia Bowman
JUDSONIA/White	Donald P. Rainey	Margaret Smith
KENSETT/White	Watson Bell	Vivren Brown
LEACHVILLE/Mississippi*	Wayne Wagner	Tulula Cagle
LEXA/Phillips	J.E. "Rusty" Porter, Jr.	Carrie Woods
LINCOLN/Washington	Robert (Bob) Gladwin	Billie Barton
LONDON/Pope	Steve Gardner	Joyce Hazlepp
LOWELL/Benton	Thurston Thompson	Pamela Wright
McRAE/White	Clarence Phil Shoffner	Lela Tidwell
MADISON/St. Francis	Willard Whitaker	Alice Reese
MAGAZINE/Logan	Richard Lippard	Patricia McConnell
MANILA/Mississippi*	Wayne Wagner	Brenda Watson
MARION/Crittenden*	John T. Wilkinson, III	Sue Held
MARMADUKE/Greene	Don Taylor	Betty Jackson
MARVELL/Phillips	Garland Q. Ridenour	Ruth Yahnke
MAYFLOWER/Faulkner	Russell "Jack" Roberts	Earline Barnhart
MOUNTAIN PINE/Garland	David M. Switzer	Mabel Garner
MOUNTAINBURG/Crawford	Paul Gant	Phil Peters
MULBERRY/Crawford	Gary R. Cottrell	Margaret Berna
NORPHLET/Union	W.D. Green	Hazel Sturdivant
PALESTINE/St. Francis	John D. Bridgforth	Billy Shafer
PANGBURN/White	Whit W. Fowlkes	E.C. Edwards
PARKDALE/Ashley	Tim Tarvin	Diane Harrell
PARKIN/Cross	James C. Luker	Frank Riley
PATTERSON/Woodruff	Richard L. Proctor	Betty Curbo
PEA RIDGE/Benton	Thurston Thompson	Sandy Easley
PORTIA/Lawrence	Robert Crank	Benson Hart
POTTSVILLE/Pope	James Kennedy	Edie Deal
QUITMAN/Cleburne	Bryan Tilley	Virginia Battles
REDFIELD/Jefferson	Jim Simpson	Nancy Cogburn
ROSE BUD/White	A. Watson Bell	Marie Kahland
SMACKOVER/Union	J.H. Kinder	Diann Parker
STAMPS/Lafayette	C. Ed Cook	Sunshine Sutton
STEPHENS/Ouachita	V. Benton Rollins	Margie Wagnon
SULPHUR SPRINGS/Benton	Daniel Elrod	Elizabeth Newell
SUMMIT/Marion	Michael Kelly	Frances Holland
SUNSET/Crittenden	Alfred C. Battle	Delois Lewis
TAYLOR/Columbia	Charles Matlock	Dalton Allison
THORNTON/Calhoun	James W. O'Dell	Hartsel Cayce
TRASKWOOD/Saline	Ben Frank	Ben Frank
TUCKERMAN/Jackson	Steve Howard	Barbara Fields
VILONIA/Faulkner	Jack Roberts	Joyce Goff
WALDO/Columbia	Rodney Chambers	Gladys Baldwin
WARD/Lonoke	Lance Hanshaw	Jennie Sue Woods
WHEATLEY/St. Francis	Knox Kinney	Amanda Clifton
WILMOT/Ashley	Tim Tarvin	Mary Butler
WILSON/Mississippi	John Bradley	Otto Warhurst
WRIGHTSVILLE/Pulaski	Dennis L. James	Genia McGhee

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Arkansas Judicial Department
Systems Branch
2020 W. Third, Suite 1-C
Little Rock, AR 72205
Phone Number: (501) 371-3593

TABLE 1 SUPREME COURT APPEAL ACTIVITY

	APPEALS				TYPE OF TERMINATION			
	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	By Opinion	By Dismissal	By Transfer	By Other
APPEALS								
CRIMINAL	**82**	**175**	**177**	**80**	**170**	**3**	**3**	**1**
Felony	50	108	108	50	102	2	3	1
Capital	11	13	13	11	13	0	0	0
Post-Conviction	17	42	43	16	42	1	0	0
Misdemeanor	4	12	13	3	13	0	0	0
CIVIL	**82**	**284**	**239**	**127**	**199**	**20**	**18**	**2**
Law	54	186	152	88	130	11	10	1
Equity	20	80	67	33	52	7	7	1
Probate	8	18	20	6	17	2	1	0
Total	**164**	**459**	**416**	**207**	**369**	**23**	**21**	**3**

TABLE 2 SUPREME COURT PETITION ACTIVITY

	Pending		Terminated		Pending
	Start	Filed	Granted	Denied	End
PETITIONS					
CRIMINAL	**14**	**254**	**62**	**177**	**29**
Post-Conviction	6	97	8	77	18
Certiorari	1	18	12	4	3
Rehearing	1	33	0	34	0
Review	1	17	3	14	1
Rule on Clerk	5	72	34	36	7
Other	0	17	5	12	0
CIVIL	**12**	**184**	**24**	**158**	**14**
Certiorari	0	9	2	7	0
Rehearing	3	48	2	44	5
Review	2	36	3	33	2
Rule on Clerk	4	48	11	38	3
Other	3	43	6	36	4
Total	**26**	**438**	**86**	**335**	**43**

TABLE 3 SUPREME COURT WRITTEN OPINIONS

	WRITTEN OPINIONS				
	Majority	Concurring	Dissenting	Dissenting/ Concurring In Part	Total
Holt	71	0	1	0	72
Smith	39	2	0	0	41
Hays	69	2	13	0	84
Hickman	75	9	22	4	110
Purtle	65	10	59	3	137
Dudley	74	1	4	0	79
Newbern	72	7	8	0	87
Glaze	43	1	7	0	51
Special Justice	1	0	0	0	1
Subtotal	**509**	**32**	**114**	**7**	**662**
Per Curiam	379	0	0	0	379
Total	**888**	**32**	**114**	**7**	**1,041**

TABLE 4 SUPREME COURT DISPOSITION SUMMARY

	CRIMINAL					CIVIL				
	Post Conviction	Other Felony	Capital Felony	Misdemeanor	Sub-Total	Law	Equity	Probate	Sub-Total	Total
Affirmed	24	72	6	9	111	85	26	7	118	229
Reversed	3	5	1	0	9	7	8	3	18	27
Reversed and Remanded	1	4	5	0	10	23	8	1	32	42
Dismissed w/o Opinion	1	2	0	0	3	11	7	2	20	23
Affirmed/Part-Reversed/Part	0	2	0	1	3	2	1	0	3	6
Reversed and Dismissed	0	3	1	3	7	3	0	2	5	12
Dismissed with Opinion	6	3	0	0	9	8	2	2	12	21
Affirmed as Modified	1	4	0	0	5	1	3	0	4	9
Transferred to Court Appeals	0	3	0	0	3	10	7	1	18	21
Other*	0	1	0	0	1	2	5	2	9	10
Subtotal	**36**	**99**	**13**	**13**	**161**	**152**	**67**	**20**	**239**	**400**
Per Curiam Opinions	7	9	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	16
Total	**43**	**108**	**13**	**13**	**177**	**152**	**67**	**20**	**239**	**416**
Oral Arguments	3	13	3	2	21	34	9	3	46	67

*Included in this category are those opinions that were Affirmed in part, Reversed and remanded in part; Affirmed as modified and remanded; Modified and remanded; Affirmed and remanded; Consolidated with another case.

TABLE 5 COURT OF APPEALS APPEAL ACTIVITY

	APPEALS				TYPE OF TERMINATION			
	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	By Opinion	By Dismissal	By Transfer	By Other
APPEALS								
CRIMINAL	**94**	**245**	**219**	**120**	**194**	**7**	**18**	**0**
Felony	77	194	185	86	167	6	12	0
Misdemeanor	17	51	34	34	28	1	6	0
CIVIL	**366**	**704**	**764**	**306**	**467**	**80**	**61**	**156**
Law	245	510	523	232	273	53	40	156
Equity	111	179	224	66	182	27	16	0
Probate	10	15	17	8	12	0	5	0
TOTAL	**460**	**949**	**983**	**426**	**661**	**87**	**79**	**156**

TABLE 6 COURT OF APPEALS PETITION ACTIVITY

	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated		Pending End
			Granted	Denied	
PETITIONS					
CRIMINAL	**9**	**30**	**0**	**36**	**3**
Certiorari	1	0	0	1	0
Rehearing	0	30	0	27	3
Review	8	0	0	8	0
CIVIL	**2**	**66**	**3**	**61**	**4**
Certiorari	0	4	2	2	0
Rehearing	2	56	1	53	4
Review	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	6	0	6	0
TOTAL	**11**	**96**	**3**	**97**	**7**

TABLE 7 COURT OF APPEALS WRITTEN OPINIONS

	WRITTEN OPINIONS				
	Majority	**Concurring**	**Dissenting**	**Dissenting/ Concurring In Part**	**Total**
Cracraft	116	4	0	0	120
Cooper	111	5	3	0	119
Cloninger	45	0	0	0	45
Corbin	117	1	3	0	121
Mayfield	102	7	4	0	113
Glaze	27	1	2	1	31
Jennings	63	3	1	0	67
Coulson	61	0	1	0	62
Special Judges	12	1	1	0	14
Subtotal	**654**	**22**	**15**	**1**	**692**
Per Curiam	12	0	0	0	12
Total	**666**	**22**	**15**	**1**	**704**

TABLE 8 COURT OF APPEALS DISPOSITION SUMMARY

	CRIMINAL			CIVIL				
	Other Felony	**Mis-demeanor**	**Sub-Total**	**Law**	**Equity**	**Pro-bate**	**Sub-Total**	**Total**
Affirmed	131	22	153	191	133	6	330	483
Reversed	0	0	0	5	9	1	15	15
Reversed & Remanded	13	1	14	49	9	3	61	75
Dismissed without Opinion	6	1	7	53	27	0	80	87
Affirmed/Part-Reversed/Part	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	5
Reversed & Dismissed	2	1	3	4	3	1	8	11
Dismissed with Opinion	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	6
Affirmed as Modified	6	1	7	6	8	0	14	21
Transferred to Supreme Court under Rule 29	12	6	18	40	16	5	61	79
Affirmed without Opinion	0	0	0	156*	0	0	156	156
Other**	6	0	6	8	18	1	27	33
Per Curiam Opinions	9	1	70	2	0	0	2	12
Subtotal	**185**	**34**	**219**	**522**	**225**	**17**	**764**	**983**
Other Per Curiam Opinions	14	0	14	8	6	0	14	28
Total	**199**	**34**	**233**	**530**	**231**	**17**	**778**	**1,011**
Oral Arguments	12	2	14	27	18	2	48	62

*Indicates cases heard on appeal from the Employment Security Division.

**Included in this category are those opinions that were:

Affirmed in part, Reversed and Remanded in part; Remanded for reconsideration; Reversed in part, Affirmed in part as modified; Affirmed on direct appeal, Affirmed as modified and Remanded on cross appeal; Affirmed on direct appeal, Affirmed on cross appeal; Affirmed and remanded in part, Reversed and dismissed in part; Affirmed and remanded; Affirmed on direct appeal, Reversed on cross appeal; Dismissed and remanded; Affirmed on direct appeal, Reversed and remanded in part on cross appeal; Remanded; Affirmed in part, Reversed and remanded in part on direct appeal, Affirmed on cross appeal; Consolidated with another case; Reversed and remanded in part, Reversed and dismissed in part; Affirmed in part, Reversed and dismissed in part.

TABLE 9 TOTAL CASES FILED - CIRCUIT COURT AND CHANCERY & PROBATE COURT

Year	Circuit Court	Chancery & Probate Court	Statewide Total
1977	35,848	41,512	77,360
1978	38,692	42,867	81,559
1979	42,549	43,879	86,428
1980	46,518	46,421	92,939
1981	48,280	49,165	97,445
1982	54,034	49,629	103,663
FY 83-84	59,280	49,416	108,696
FY 84-85	67,113	51,653	118,766
FY 85-86	67,736	52,963	120,699
FY 86-87	70,853	53,426	124,279

TABLE 10 STATEWIDE AVERAGE FILINGS PER JUDGE

Year	Circuit Court	Chancery & Probate Court	Statewide Total
1977	1,236	1,537	1,381
1978	1,334	1,587	1,456
1979	1,289	1,328	1,371
1980	1,410	1,407	1,409
1981	1,420	1,490	1,454
1982	1,589	1,504	1,547
FY 83-84	1,718	1,520	1,622
FY 84-85	1,918	1,565	1,747
FY 85-86	1,882	1,558	1,724
FY 86-87	1,968	1,571	1,775

TABLE 11 RANKING OF CIRCUIT COURTS BY FILINGS PER JUDGE

Rank	Circuit	No. of Judges	No. of Counties	Filings Per Judge
1	6	6	2	2,783
2	7	1	3	2,630
3	16	1	5	2,147
4	12	2.5*	2	2,111
5	11-W	2	2	2,076
6	2	3	2	1,943
7	4	2	2	1,927
8	18-E	1	1	1,855
9	19	1.5*	2	1,839
10	13	2	6	1,822
11	5	1	3	1,819
12	20	1	3	1,758
13	17-E	1	2	1,703
14	3	1	4	1,682
15	14	1	4	1,664
16	1	2	6	1,660
17	8	1.5*	4	1,575
18	15	1	4	1,563
19	10	2	5	1,242
20	9-E	0.5*	2	934
21	17-W	0.5*	1	886
22	11-E	0.5*	1	719
23	9-W	0.5*	3	657
24	18-W	0.5*	2	456

Statewide average caseload per judge: 1,968

*Indicates judge is Circuit Judge and Chancellor

TABLE 12 RANKING OF CHANCERY & PROBATE COURTS BY FILINGS PER JUDGE

Rank	Circuit	No. of Judges	No. of Counties	Filings Per Judge
1	6	4	2	2,442
2	18-E	1	1	2,302
3	7	1	3	2,101
4	15	1	4	1,928
5	19	15*	2	1,849
6	14	1	4	1,799
7	20	1	3	1,799
8	2	3	6	1,682
9	16	1	5	1,562
10	3	1	4	1,541
11	5	1	3	1,516
12	17-E	1	2	1,441
13	4	2	2	1,306
14	12	2.5*	2	1,295
15	1	2	6	1,252
16	13	2	6	1,206
17	11-W	2	2	1,202
18	8	1.5*	4	1,192
19	9-W	0.5*	3	840
20	10	2	5	814
21	17-W	0.5*	1	808
22	9-E	0.5*	2	580
23	18-W	0.5*	2	566
24	11-E	0.5*	1	473

Statewide average caseload per judge: 1,571

*Indicates judge is Circuit Judge and Chancellor

TABLE 13 CIRCUIT COURT AND CHANCERY COURT DISPOSITION RATE

Circuit	CIRCUIT COURT Filings	CIRCUIT COURT Terminations	CIRCUIT COURT Disposition Rate	CHANCERY COURT Filings	CHANCERY COURT Terminations	CHANCERY COURT Disposition Rate
1	3,320	3,313	94.31	1,801	1,738	96.50
2	5,829	5,689	97.60	4,051	4,159	102.67
3	1,682	2,041	121.34	1,148	1,182	102.96
4	3,854	3,397	88.14	2,233	2,284	102.28
5	1,819	2,011	110.56	1,184	1,065	89.95
6	16,698	16,745	100.28	7,495	7,621	101.68
7	2,630	1,875	71.29	1,718	1,755	102.15
8	2,362	1,930	81.71	1,374	1,149	83.62
9-E	934	924	98.93	421	559	132.78
9-W	657	789	120.09	680	713	104.85
10	2,485	2,380	95.77	1,261	1,207	95.72
11-E	719	661	91.93	347	339	97.69
11-W	4,153	4,272	102.87	1,901	2,014	105.94
12	5,277	5,598	106.08	2,633	2,559	97.19
13	3,644	3,388	92.97	1,807	1,780	98.51
14	1,664	1,571	94.41	1,384	1,331	96.17
15	1,563	1,662	106.33	1,613	1,585	98.26
16	2,147	2,364	110.11	1,215	1,463	120.41
17-E	1,703	1,460	85.73	1,194	1,200	100.50
17-W	886	1,041	117.49	660	510	77.27
18-E	1,855	1,651	89.00	1,752	1,739	99.26
18-W	456	397	87.06	435	444	102.07
19	2,758	2,165	78.50	2,231	2,169	97.22
20	1,758	1,755	99.83	1,484	1,460	98.38
Statewide Totals	**70,853**	**68,897**	**97.24**	**42,022**	**42,025**	**100.01**

TABLE 14 CIRCUIT COURT AND CHANCERY COURT PENDING CASES OVER TWO YEARS OLD

Circuit	Circuit Court Cases Pending	Circuit Court % Over 2 Years	Chancery Court Cases Pending	Chancery Court % Over 2 Years
1	253	9	476	27
2	234	6	507	20
3	156	12	38	5
4	327	11	4	0
5	30	2	222	23
6	1,098	14	107	3
7	594	20	110	9
8	264	15	56	6
9-E	32	5	24	8
9-W	44	11	18	5
10	375	17	267	27
11-E	14	4	7	3
11-W	123	6	7	1
12	366	9	35	2
13	399	14	53	4
14	32	3	28	4
15	77	6	14	2
16	111	8	122	15
17-E	7	0	5	1
17-W	23	5	31	6
18-E	34	3	20	2
18-W	33	10	27	11
19	123	6	34	3
20	172	13	176	17
Statewide Totals	**4,921**	**11**	**2,388**	**10**

TABLE 15 CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY & PROBATE COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY

	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Cross										
Criminal	88	361	279	148	22	132	9	7	5	82
Civil	279	248	330	197		110	57	30	15	-82
Chancery	380	331	329	382		142	63	177	46	2
Probate	139	80	61	158		57	46	55	35	19
Total	**886**	**1020**	**999**	**885**	**22**	**441**	**175**	**269**	**30**	**21**
Lee										
Criminal	112	94	86	115	5	71	40	4	3	8
Civil	138	156	158	136		93	27	16	12	-2
Chancery	234	162	251	145		69	40	36	25	-89
Probate	86	78	59	105		49	28	28	27	19
Total	**570**	**490**	**554**	**501**	**5**	**282**	**135**	**84**	**17**	**-64**
Monroe										
Criminal	193	161	185	117	52	80	29	8	7	-24
Civil	121	212	158	175		130	25	20	11	54
Chancery	130	158	184	104		66	30	8	8	-26
Probate	101	82	67	116		52	29	35	30	15
Total	**545**	**613**	**594**	**512**	**52**	**328**	**113**	**71**	**14**	**19**
Phillips										
Criminal	459	445	323	560	21	334	187	39	7	122
Civil	366	402	415	353		200	108	45	13	-13
Chancery	354	471	367	458		214	168	76	17	104
Probate	336	232	214	354		118	102	134	38	18
Total	**1515**	**1550**	**1319**	**1725**	**21**	**866**	**565**	**294**	**17**	**231**
St. Francis										
Criminal	352	426	450	157	171	120	34	3	2	-24
Civil	377	510	458	429		274	100	55	13	52
Chancery	409	543	470	482		227	114	141	29	73
Probate	269	176	175	270		105	76	89	33	1
Total	**1407**	**1655**	**1553**	**1338**	**171**	**726**	**324**	**288**	**22**	**102**
Woodruff										
Criminal	115	167	133	135	14	116	10	9	7	34
Civil	111	138	156	93		65	11	17	18	-18
Chancery	144	136	137	143		81	24	38	27	-1
Probate	101	56	41	116		43	37	36	31	15
Total	**471**	**497**	**467**	**487**	**14**	**305**	**82**	**100**	**21**	**30**
First Circuit										
Criminal	1319	1654	1456	1232	285	853	309	70	6	198
Civil	1392	1666	1675	1383		872	328	183	13	-9
Chancery	1651	1801	1738	1714		799	439	476	28	63
Probate	1032	704	617	1119		424	318	377	34	87
Total	**5394**	**5825**	**5486**	**5448**	**285**	**2948**	**1394**	**1106**	**20**	**339**
SECOND CIRCUIT										
Clay										
Criminal	19	60	42	32	5	28	4	0	0	18
Civil	90	111	119	82		50	21	11	13	-8
Chancery	133	244	220	157		94	43	20	13	24
Probate	93	77	63	107		42	35	30	28	14
Total	**335**	**492**	**444**	**378**	**5**	**214**	**103**	**61**	**16**	**48**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Craighead										
Criminal	354	610	584	338	42	269	64	5	1	26
Civil	622	986	836	772		511	174	87	11	150
Chancery	779	1132	1135	776		410	159	207	27	-3
Probate	378	271	253	396		145	97	154	39	18
Total	**2133**	**2999**	**2808**	**2282**	**42**	**1335**	**494**	**453**	**20**	**191**
Crittenden										
Criminal	660	569	755	433	41	354	70	9	2	-186
Civil	374	664	664	374		275	72	27	7	0
Chancery	537	813	888	462		274	100	88	19	-75
Probate	269	210	190	289		115	89	85	29	20
Total	**1840**	**2256**	**2497**	**1558**	**41**	**1018**	**331**	**209**	**13**	**-241**
Greene										
Criminal	167	474	381	223	37	182	31	10	4	93
Civil	142	293	260	175		135	30	10	6	33
Chancery	319	437	531	225		162	45	18	8	-94
Probate	147	110	83	174		84	55	35	20	27
Total	**775**	**1314**	**1255**	**797**	**37**	**563**	**161**	**73**	**9**	**59**
Mississippi										
Criminal	416	812	792	272	164	223	38	11	4	20
Civil	271	592	569	294		219	62	13	4	23
Chancery	449	1041	1020	470		333	98	39	8	21
Probate	294	221	199	316		123	78	115	36	22
Total	**1430**	**2666**	**2580**	**1352**	**164**	**898**	**276**	**178**	**13**	**86**
Poinsett										
Criminal	301	351	409	227	16	126	71	30	13	-58
Civil	210	307	278	239		157	61	21	9	29
Chancery	336	384	365	355		160	60	135	38	19
Probate	120	105	69	156		67	44	45	29	36
Total	**967**	**1147**	**1121**	**977**	**16**	**510**	**236**	**231**	**24**	**26**
Second Circuit										
Criminal	1917	2876	2963	1525	305	1182	278	65	4	-87
Civil	1709	2953	2726	1936		1347	420	169	9	227
Chancery	2553	4051	4159	2445		1433	505	507	21	-108
Probate	1301	994	857	1438		576	398	464	32	137
Total	**7480**	**10874**	**10705**	**7344**	**305**	**4538**	**1601**	**1205**	**16**	**169**
THIRD CIRCUIT										
Jackson										
Criminal	417	279	455	178	63	95	50	33	19	-176
Civil	298	271	373	196		137	33	26	13	-102
Chancery	185	330	318	197		147	30	20	10	12
Probate	122	105	79	148		60	38	50	34	26
Total	**1022**	**985**	**1225**	**719**	**63**	**439**	**151**	**129**	**18**	**-240**
Lawrence										
Criminal	238	250	229	179	80	149	17	13	7	21
Civil	272	304	377	199		145	38	16	8	-73
Chancery	192	283	287	188		138	44	6	3	-4
Probate	109	89	75	123		51	27	45	37	14
Total	**811**	**926**	**968**	**689**	**80**	**483**	**126**	**80**	**12**	**-42**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Randolph										
Criminal	182	92	146	86	42	49	18	19	22	-54
Civil	156	189	196	149		85	36	28	19	-7
Chancery	189	322	359	152		124	25	3	2	-37
Probate	105	83	54	134		57	23	54	40	29
Total	**632**	**686**	**755**	**521**	**42**	**315**	**102**	**104**	**20**	**-69**
Sharp										
Criminal	105	115	89	118	13	74	33	11	9	26
Civil	132	182	176	138		107	21	10	7	6
Chancery	127	213	218	122		82	31	9	7	-5
Probate	103	116	74	145		77	28	40	28	42
Total	**467**	**626**	**557**	**523**	**13**	**340**	**113**	**70**	**13**	**69**
Third Circuit										
Criminal	942	736	919	561	198	367	118	76	14	-183
Civil	858	946	1122	682		474	128	80	12	-176
Chancery	693	1148	1182	659		491	130	38	6	-34
Probate	439	393	282	550		245	116	189	34	111
Total	**2932**	**3223**	**3505**	**2452**	**198**	**1577**	**492**	**383**	**16**	**-282**
FOURTH CIRCUIT										
Madison										
Criminal	146	129	141	83	51	54	14	15	18	-12
Civil	70	80	81	69		38	25	6	9	-1
Chancery	57	201	205	53		47	5	1	2	-4
Probate	48	29	32	45		20	16	9	20	-3
Total	**321**	**439**	**459**	**250**	**51**	**159**	**60**	**31**	**12**	**-20**
Washington										
Criminal	2657	1931	1497	1355	1736	905	207	243	18	434
Civil	1203	1714	1678	1239		871	305	63	5	36
Chancery	615	2032	2079	568		515	50	3	1	-47
Probate	411	349	335	425		204	123	98	23	14
Total	**4886**	**6026**	**5589**	**3587**	**1736**	**2495**	**685**	**407**	**11**	**437**
Fourth Circuit										
Criminal	2803	2060	1638	1438	1787	959	221	258	18	422
Civil	1273	1794	1759	1308		909	330	69	5	35
Chancery	672	2233	2284	621		562	55	4	1	-51
Probate	459	378	367	470		224	139	107	23	11
Total	**5207**	**6465**	**6048**	**3837**	**1787**	**2654**	**745**	**438**	**11**	**417**
FIFTH CIRCUIT										
Franklin										
Criminal	163	183	196	120	30	108	6	6	5	-13
Civil	52	148	140	60		58	2	0	0	8
Chancery	133	182	165	150		79	30	41	27	17
Probate	123	74	75	122		55	27	40	33	-1
Total	**471**	**587**	**576**	**452**	**30**	**300**	**65**	**87**	**19**	**11**
Johnson					40					
Criminal	209	168	265	72		66	4	2	3	-97
Civil	92	188	204	76		70	3	3	4	-16
Chancery	279	270	267	282		124	50	108	38	3
Probate	111	93	67	137		58	29	50	36	26
Total	**691**	**719**	**803**	**567**	**40**	**318**	**86**	**163**	**29**	**-84**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Pope										
Criminal	538	607	703	421	21	357	49	15	4	-96
Civil	247	525	503	269		233	32	4	1	22
Chancery	424	732	633	523		341	109	73	14	99
Probate	303	165	124	344		95	93	156	45	41
Total	**1512**	**2029**	**1963**	**1557**	**21**	**1026**	**283**	**248**	**16**	**66**
Fifth Circuit										
Criminal	910	958	1164	613	91	531	59	23	4	-206
Civil	391	861	847	405		361	37	7	2	14
Chancery	836	1184	1065	955		544	189	222	23	119
Probate	537	332	266	603		208	149	246	41	66
Total	**2674**	**3335**	**3342**	**2576**	**91**	**1644**	**434**	**498**	**19**	**-7**
SIXTH CIRCUIT										
Perry										
Criminal	91	49	61	76	3	44	32	0	0	-12
Civil	122	108	110	120		62	30	28	23	-2
Chancery	91	159	180	70		57	8	5	7	-21
Probate	82	43	36	89		25	15	49	55	7
Total	**386**	**359**	**387**	**355**	**3**	**188**	**85**	**82**	**23**	**-28**
Pulaski										
Criminal	2995	6776	6145	2450	1176	1952	251	247	10	631
Civil	5555	9765	10429	4891		3497	571	823	17	-664
Chancery	3225	7336	7441	3120		2705	313	102	3	-105
Probate	2411	2229	1947	2693		1103	682	908	34	282
Total	**14186**	**26106**	**25962**	**13154**	**1176**	**9257**	**1817**	**2080**	**16**	**144**
Sixth Circuit										
Criminal	3086	6825	6206	2526	1179	1996	283	247	10	619
Civil	5677	9873	10539	5011		3559	601	851	17	-666
Chancery	3316	7495	7621	3190		2762	321	107	3	-126
Probate	2493	2272	1983	2782		1128	697	957	34	289
Total	**14572**	**26465**	**26349**	**13509**	**1179**	**9445**	**1902**	**2162**	**16**	**116**
SEVENTH CIRCUIT										
Grant										
Criminal	94	73	62	103	2	52	39	12	12	11
Civil	130	171	156	145		91	36	18	12	15
Chancery	121	213	201	133		100	15	18	14	12
Probate	88	42	40	90		31	24	35	39	2
Total	**433**	**499**	**459**	**471**	**2**	**274**	**114**	**83**	**18**	**40**
Hot Spring										
Criminal	353	391	266	468	10	275	124	69	15	125
Civil	370	433	489	314		211	64	39	12	-56
Chancery	282	370	429	223		168	43	12	5	-59
Probate	284	113	97	300		79	70	151	50	16
Total	**1289**	**1307**	**1281**	**1305**	**10**	**733**	**301**	**271**	**21**	**26**
Saline										
Criminal	1107	735	241	1131	470	492	396	243	21	494
Civil	633	827	661	799		401	185	213	27	166
Chancery	783	1135	1125	793		507	206	80	10	10
Probate	402	228	225	405		159	101	145	36	3
Total	**2925**	**2925**	**2252**	**3128**	**470**	**1559**	888	**681**	**22**	**673**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Seventh Circuit										
Criminal	1554	1199	569	1702	482	819	559	324	19	630
Civil	1133	1431	1306	1258		703	285	270	21	125
Chancery	1186	1718	1755	1149		775	264	110	10	-37
Probate	774	383	362	795		269	195	331	42	21
Total	**4647**	**4731**	**3992**	**4904**	**482**	**2566**	**1303**	**1035**	**21**	**739**
EIGHTH CIRCUIT										
Hempstead										
Criminal	272	439	459	234	18	203	24	7	3	-20
Civil	183	210	203	190		108	39	43	23	7
Chancery	187	373	346	214		170	31	13	6	27
Probate	110	118	59	169		91	35	43	25	59
Total	**752**	**1140**	**1067**	**807**	**18**	**572**	**129**	**106**	**13**	**73**
Lafayette										
Criminal	32	88	98	21	1	19	2	0	0	-10
Civil	51	79	85	45		33	8	4	9	-6
Chancery	55	159	138	76		60	10	6	8	21
Probate	76	60	49	87		31	20	36	41	11
Total	**214**	**386**	**370**	**229**	**1**	**143**	**40**	**46**	**20**	**16**
Miller										
Criminal	526	931	607	665	185	475	108	82	12	324
Civil	349	353	247	455		215	125	115	25	106
Chancery	332	675	503	504		333	137	34	7	172
Probate	314	189	131	372		136	90	146	39	58
Total	**1521**	**2148**	**1488**	**1996**	**185**	**1159**	**460**	**377**	**19**	**660**
Nevada										
Criminal	54	149	147	53	3	45	8	0	0	2
Civil	65	113	84	94		60	21	13	14	29
Chancery	94	167	162	99		73	23	3	3	5
Probate	70	47	37	80		29	24	27	34	10
Total	**283**	**476**	**430**	**326**	**3**	**207**	**76**	**43**	**13**	**46**
Eighth Circuit										
Criminal	884	1607	1311	973	207	742	142	89	9	296
Civil	648	755	619	784		416	193	175	22	136
Chancery	668	1374	1149	893		636	201	56	6	225
Probate	570	414	276	708		287	169	252	36	138
Total	**2770**	**4150**	**3355**	**3358**	**207**	**2081**	**705**	**572**	**17**	**795**
NINTH CIRCUIT EAST										
Clark										
Criminal	278	279	332	170	55	160	10	0	0	-53
Civil	222	383	397	208		155	25	28	13	-14
Chancery	299	289	405	183		115	51	17	9	-116
Probate	170	117	86	201		73	62	66	33	31
Total	**969**	**1068**	**1220**	**762**	**55**	**503**	**148**	**111**	**15**	**-152**
Pike										
Criminal	52	163	89	117	9	116	0	1	1	74
Civil	53	109	106	56		46	7	3	5	3
Chancery	108	132	154	86		70	9	7	8	-22
Probate	53	42	32	63		26	15	22	35	10
Total	**266**	**446**	**381**	**322**	**9**	**258**	**31**	**33**	**10**	**65**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Ninth Circuit East										
Criminal	330	442	421	287	64	276	10	1	0	21
Civil	275	492	503	264		201	32	31	12	-11
Chancery	407	421	559	269		185	60	24	9	-138
Probate	223	159	118	264		99	77	88	33	41
Total	**1235**	**1514**	**1601**	**1084**	**64**	**761**	**179**	**144**	**13**	**-87**
NINTH CIRCUIT WEST										
Howard										
Criminal	35	126	106	44	11	40	3	1	2	20
Civil	135	165	179	121		81	14	26	21	-14
Chancery	101	215	212	104		74	23	7	7	3
Probate	51	45	21	75		28	22	25	33	24
Total	**322**	**551**	**518**	**344**	**11**	**223**	**62**	**59**	**17**	**33**
Little River										
Criminal	48	83	95	36	0	28	8	0	0	-12
Civil	136	101	156	81		54	17	10	12	-55
Chancery	115	254	257	112		89	18	5	4	-3
Probate	68	72	32	108		54	16	38	35	40
Total	**367**	**510**	**540**	**337**	**0**	**225**	**59**	**53**	**16**	**-30**
Sevier										
Criminal	56	96	115	36	1	33	3	0	0	-19
Civil	112	86	138	60		41	12	7	12	-52
Chancery	128	211	244	95		72	17	6	6	-33
Probate	74	43	22	95		29	35	31	33	21
Total	**370**	**436**	**519**	**286**	**1**	**175**	**67**	**44**	**15**	**-83**
Ninth Circuit West										
Criminal	139	305	316	116	12	101	14	1	1	-11
Civil	383	352	473	262		176	43	43	16	-121
Chancery	344	680	713	311		235	58	18	6	-33
Probate	193	160	75	278		111	73	94	34	85
Total	**1059**	**1497**	**1577**	**967**	**12**	**623**	**188**	**156**	**16**	**-30**
TENTH CIRCUIT										
Ashley										
Criminal	256	219	185	241	49	182	37	22	9	34
Civil	369	403	378	394		200	86	108	27	25
Chancery	341	377	279	439		211	81	147	33	98
Probate	122	79	55	146		50	39	57	39	24
Total	**1088**	**1078**	**897**	**1220**	**49**	**643**	**243**	**334**	**27**	**181**
Bradley										
Criminal	120	127	113	116	18	91	12	13	11	14
Civil	129	188	179	138		80	29	29	21	9
Chancery	74	138	139	73		52	8	13	18	-1
Probate	68	51	42	77		30	25	22	29	9
Total	**391**	**504**	**473**	**404**	**18**	**253**	**74**	**77**	**19**	**31**
Chicot										
Criminal	407	318	370	256	99	174	71	11	4	-52
Civil	257	239	272	224		107	51	66	29	-33
Chancery	203	214	229	188		74	13	101	54	-15
Probate	105	85	56	134		50	35	49	37	29
Total	**972**	**856**	**927**	**802**	**99**	**405**	**170**	**227**	**28**	**-71**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Desha										
Criminal	227	317	276	215	53	190	17	8	4	41
Civil	207	205	190	222		117	34	71	32	15
Chancery	220	284	356	148		121	22	5	3	-72
Probate	98	84	45	137		60	35	42	31	39
Total	**752**	**890**	**867**	**722**	**53**	**488**	**108**	**126**	**17**	**23**
Drew										
Criminal	162	210	167	156	49	124	23	9	6	43
Civil	177	259	250	186		109	39	38	20	9
Chancery	75	248	204	119		104	14	1	1	44
Probate	89	69	52	106		42	17	47	44	17
Total	**503**	**786**	**673**	**567**	**49**	**379**	**93**	**95**	**17**	**113**
Tenth Circuit										
Criminal	1172	1191	1111	984	268	761	160	63	6	80
Civil	1139	1294	1269	1164		613	239	312	27	25
Chancery	913	1261	1207	967		562	138	267	28	54
Probate	482	368	250	600		232	151	217	36	118
Total	**3706**	**4114**	**3837**	**3715**	**268**	**2168**	**688**	**859**	**23**	**277**
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT EAST										
Arkansas										
Criminal	87	372	314	113	32	105	5	3	3	58
Civil	189	347	347	189		157	21	11	6	0
Chancery	196	347	339	204		173	24	7	3	8
Probate	224	126	126	224		83	42	99	44	0
Total	**696**	**1192**	**1126**	**730**	**32**	**518**	**92**	**120**	**16**	**66**
Eleventh Circuit East										
Criminal	87	372	314	113	32	105	5	3	3	58
Civil	189	247	347	189		157	21	11	6	0
Chancery	196	347	339	204		173	24	7	3	8
Probate	224	126	126	224		83	42	99	44	0
Total	**696**	**1192**	**1126**	**730**	**32**	**518**	**92**	**120**	**16**	**66**
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT WEST										
Jefferson										
Criminal	1466	2572	2787	772	479	665	54	53	7	-215
Civil	892	1388	1271	1009		673	270	66	7	117
Chancery	614	1686	1808	492		458	27	7	1	-122
Probate	345	464	403	406		196	103	107	26	61
Total	**3317**	**6110**	**6269**	**2679**	**479**	**1992**	**454**	**233**	**9**	**-159**
Lincoln										
Criminal	68	92	106	31	23	30	1	0	0	-14
Civil	74	101	108	67		51	12	4	6	-7
Chancery	84	215	206	93		83	10	0	0	9
Probate	36	38	34	40		20	9	11	28	4
Total	**262**	**446**	**454**	**231**	**23**	**184**	**32**	**15**	**6**	**-8**
Eleventh Circuit										
West	1534	2664	2893	803	502	695	55	53	7	-229
Criminal	966	1489	1379	1076		724	282	70	7	110
Civil	698	1901	2014	585		541	37	7	1	-113
Chancery	381	502	437	446		216	112	118	26	65
Probate	**3579**	**6556**	**6723**	**2910**	**502**	**2176**	**486**	**248**	**9**	**-167**
Total										

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
TWELFTH CIRCUIT										
	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Crawford										
Criminal	773	532	533	398	374	248	70	80	20	-1
Civil	404	437	502	339		217	66	56	17	-65
Chancery	391	809	724	476		344	119	13	3	85
Probate	149	145	121	173		81	56	36	21	24
Total	**1717**	**1923**	**1880**	**1386**	**374**	**890**	**311**	**185**	**13**	**43**
Sebastian										
Criminal	1875	2468	2485	1618	240	1301	242	75	5	-17
Civil	1601	1840	2078	1363		880	328	155	11	-238
Chancery	983	1824	1835	972		733	217	22	2	-11
Probate	495	459	306	648		298	183	167	26	153
Total	**4954**	**6591**	**6704**	**4601**	**240**	**3212**	**970**	**419**	**9**	**-113**
Twelfth Circuit										
Criminal	2648	3000	3018	2016	614	1549	312	155	8	-18
Civil	1005	2277	2580	1702		1097	394	211	12	-303
Chancery	1374	2633	2559	1448		1077	336	35	2	74
Probate	644	604	427	821		379	239	203	25	177
Total	**6671**	**8514**	**8584**	**5987**	**614**	**4102**	**1281**	**604**	**10**	**-70**
THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT										
Calhoun										
Criminal	14	78	66	25	1	25	0	0	0	12
Civil	103	86	65	124		48	28	48	39	21
Chancery	69	87	90	66		42	18	6	9	-3
Probate	21	21	18	24		13	7	6	25	3
Total	**207**	**272**	**239**	**239**	**1**	**128**	**53**	**60**	**25**	**33**
Cleveland										
Criminal	18	26	36	7	1	6	1	0	0	-10
Civil	56	86	53	89		54	17	18	20	33
Chancery	59	77	75	61		46	11	4	7	2
Probate	24	22	17	29		17	6	8	28	5
Total	**157**	**211**	**181**	**186**	**1**	**123**	**35**	**30**	**16**	**30**
Columbia										
Criminal	136	408	316	213	15	205	8	0	0	92
Civil	228	307	269	266		158	81	27	10	38
Chancery	218	339	344	213		159	46	8	4	-5
Probate	188	132	114	206		67	61	92	45	18
Total	**770**	**1186**	**1043**	**898**	**15**	**589**	**196**	**127**	**14**	**143**
Dallas										
Criminal	28	78	59	44	3	39	5	0	0	19
Civil	145	135	96	184		95	43	46	25	39
Chancery	96	104	99	101		54	29	18	18	5
Probate	76	42	37	81		33	28	48	59	5
Total	**345**	**359**	**291**	**410**	**3**	**221**	**105**	**112**	**27**	**68**
Ouachita										
Criminal	126	478	375	165	64	150	12	3	2	103
Civil	343	444	297	490		229	118	143	29	147
Chancery	324	571	545	350		274	73	3	1	26
Probate	195	151	160	186		86	57	60	32	-9
Total	**988**	**1644**	**1377**	**1191**	**64**	**739**	**260**	**209**	**18**	**267**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Union										
Criminal	800	661	1077	319	65	286	33	0	0	-416
Civil	577	857	679	755		448	193	114	15	178
Chancery	426	629	627	428		316	98	14	3	2
Probate	528	236	276	488		186	154	293	60	-40
Total	**2331**	**2383**	**2659**	**1990**	**65**	**1236**	**478**	**421**	**21**	**276**
Thirteenth Circuit										
Criminal	1122	1729	1929	773	149	711	59	3	0	-200
Civil	1452	1915	1459	1908		1032	480	396	21	456
Chancery	1192	1807	1780	1219		891	275	53	4	27
Probate	1032	604	622	1014		402	313	507	50	-18
Total	**4798**	**6055**	**5790**	**4914**	**149**	**3036**	**1127**	**959**	**20**	**265**
FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT										
Baxter										
Criminal	158	325	331	145	7	126	19	0	0	-6
Civil	178	288	253	213		177	31	5	2	35
Chancery	218	481	449	250		189	50	11	4	32
Probate	245	184	134	295		134	85	76	26	50
Total	**799**	**1278**	**1167**	**903**	**7**	**626**	**185**	**92**	**10**	**111**
Boone										
Criminal	186	374	366	183	11	182	0	1	1	8
Civil	203	359	352	210		162	37	11	5	7
Chancery	224	550	545	229		198	26	5	2	5
Probate	125	121	82	164		80	44	40	24	39
Total	**738**	**1404**	**1345**	**786**	**11**	**622**	**107**	**57**	**7**	**59**
Marion										
Criminal	43	135	107	65	6	55	9	1	2	28
Civil	53	76	77	52		41	7	4	8	-1
Chancery	104	252	235	121		103	14	4	3	17
Probate	97	76	64	109		58	20	31	28	12
Total	**297**	**539**	**483**	**347**	**6**	**257**	**50**	**40**	**12**	**56**
Newton										
Criminal	35	50	18	66	1	45	15	6	9	32
Civil	53	57	67	43		32	7	4	9	-10
Chancery	61	101	102	60		42	10	8	13	-1
Probate	34	34	24	44		26	8	10	23	10
Total	**183**	**242**	**211**	**213**	**1**	**145**	**40**	**28**	**13**	**31**
Fourteenth Circuit										
Criminal	422	884	822	459	25	408	43	8	2	62
Civil	487	780	749	518		412	82	24	5	31
Chancery	607	1384	1331	660		532	100	28	4	53
Probate	501	415	304	612		298	157	157	26	111
TOTAL	**2017**	**3463**	**3206**	**2249**	**25**	**1650**	**382**	**217**	**10**	**257**
FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT										
Conway										
Criminal	130	202	192	136	4	122	13	1	1	10
Civil	252	297	277	272		184	70	18	7	20
Chancery	123	458	429	152		194	23	0	0	29
Probate	150	83	47	186		72	50	64	34	36
Total	**655**	**1040**	**945**	**746**	**4**	**572**	**156**	**83**	**11**	**95**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Logan										
Criminal	214	283	317	153	27	145	6	2	1	-34
Civil	155	173	174	154		96	46	12	8	-1
Chancery	160	501	520	141		184	22	10	7	-19
Probate	163	122	77	208		93	43	72	35	45
Total	**692**	**1079**	**1088**	**656**	**27**	**518**	**117**	**96**	**15**	**-9**
Scott										
Criminal	102	117	116	92	11	73	19	0	0	1
Civil	57	69	71	55		35	19	1	2	-2
Chancery	55	200	211	44		64	3	3	7	-11
Probate	49	30	28	51		19	13	19	37	2
Total	**263**	**416**	**426**	**242**	**11**	**191**	**54**	**23**	**10**	**-10**
Yell										
Criminal	306	194	283	174	43	119	22	33	19	-89
Civil	190	228	232	186		134	42	10	5	-4
Chancery	144	454	425	173		191	24	1	1	29
Probate	99	80	58	121		55	32	34	28	22
Total	**739**	**956**	**998**	**654**	**43**	**499**	**120**	**78**	**12**	**-42**
Fifteenth Circuit										
Criminal	752	796	908	555	85	459	60	36	6	-112
Civil	654	767	754	667		449	177	41	6	13
Chancery	482	1613	1585	510		633	72	14	3	28
Probate	461	315	210	566		239	138	189	33	105
Total	**2349**	**3491**	**3457**	**2298**	**85**	**1780**	**447**	**280**	**12**	**34**
SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT										
Cleburne										
Criminal	247	369	336	100	180	82	10	8	8	33
Civil	172	207	235	144		101	30	13	9	-28
Chancery	289	331	444	176		144	26	6	3	-113
Probate	105	83	117	71		47	13	11	15	-34
Total	**813**	**990**	**1132**	**491**	**180**	**374**	**79**	**38**	**8**	**-142**
Fulton										
Criminal	43	95	73	63	2	53	10	0	0	22
Civil	42	48	48	42		31	4	7	17	0
Chancery	74	121	132	63		55	7	1	2	-11
Probate	35	50	27	58		37	12	9	16	23
Total	**194**	**314**	**280**	**226**	**2**	**176**	**33**	**17**	**8**	**34**
Independence										
Criminal	585	428	593	220	200	151	50	19	9	-165
Civil	478	665	644	499		396	71	32	6	21
Chancery	335	476	524	287		177	79	31	11	-48
Probate	166	128	160	134		75	31	28	21	-32
Total	**1564**	**1697**	**1921**	**1140**	**200**	**799**	**231**	**110**	**10**	**-224**
Izard										
Criminal	99	101	131	48	21	29	15	4	8	-30
Civil	80	67	85	64		46	6	12	19	-16
Chancery	136	146	207	75		58	17	0	0	-61
Probate	78	56	69	65		23	12	30	46	-13
Total	**393**	**370**	**490**	**252**	**21**	**156**	**50**	**46**	**18**	**-120**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Stone										
Criminal	199	104	154	87	62	39	41	7	8	-50
Civil	58	63	67	54		31	14	9	17	-4
Chancery	182	141	156	167		68	15	84	50	-15
Probate	65	30	16	79		21	14	44	56	14
Total	**504**	**338**	**393**	**387**	**62**	**159**	**84**	**144**	**37**	**-55**
Sixteenth Circuit										
Criminal	1173	1097	1287	518	465	354	126	38	7	-190
Civil	830	1050	1077	803		605	125	73	9	-27
Chancery	1016	1215	1463	768		502	144	122	16	-248
Probate	449	347	389	407		203	82	122	30	-42
Total	**3468**	**3709**	**4216**	**2496**	**465**	**1664**	**477**	**355**	**14**	**-507**
SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT EAST										
Prairie										
Criminal	47	83	92	35	3	34	1	0	0	-9
Civil	53	169	139	83		76	6	1	1	30
Chancery	60	159	176	43		53	4	1	2	-17
Probate	38	39	26	51		29	10	12	24	13
Total	**198**	**450**	**433**	**212**	**3**	**192**	**21**	**14**	**7**	**17**
White										
Criminal	325	762	677	358	52	352	4	2	1	85
Civil	262	689	552	399		343	52	4	1	137
Chancery	236	1035	1024	247		313	4	4	2	11
Probate	233	208	212	229		100	63	66	29	-4
Total	**1056**	**2694**	**2465**	**1233**	**52**	**1108**	**123**	**76**	**6**	**229**
Seventeenth Circuit										
East	372	845	769	393	55	386	5	2	1	76
Criminal	315	858	691	482		419	58	5	1	167
Civil	296	1194	1200	290		366	8	5	2	-6
Chancery	271	247	238	280		129	73	78	28	9
Probate	**1254**	**3144**	**2899**	**1445**	**55**	**1300**	**144**	**90**	**6**	**246**
Total										
SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT WEST										
Lonoke										
Criminal	132	346	366	97	15	97	0	0	0	-20
Civil	428	540	675	293		225	45	23	8	-135
Chancery	341	660	510	491		339	121	31	6	150
Probate	337	148	86	399		116	88	195	49	62
Total	**1238**	**1694**	**1637**	**1280**	**15**	**777**	**254**	**249**	**19**	**57**
Seventeenth Circuit										
West	132	346	366	97	15	97	0	0	0	-20
Criminal	428	540	675	293		225	45	23	8	-135
Civil	341	660	510	491		339	121	31	6	150
Chancery	337	148	86	399		116	88	195	49	62
Probate	**1238**	**1694**	**1637**	**1280**	**15**	**777**	**254**	**249**	**19**	**57**
Total										
EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT EAST										
Garland										
Criminal	218	[illegible]	562	219	65	199	11	9	4	66
Civil	664	[illegible]	1089	802		575	202	25	3	138
Chancery	680	1752	1739	693		594	79	20	3	13
Probate	631	550	459	722		330	173	219	30	91
Total	**2193**	**4157**	**3849**	**2436**	**65**	**1698**	**465**	**273**	**11**	**308**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Eighteenth Circuit										
East	218	628	562	219	65	199	11	9	4	66
Criminal	664	1227	1089	802		575	202	25	3	138
Civil	680	1752	1739	693		594	79	20	3	13
Chancery	631	550	459	722		330	173	219	30	91
Probate	**2193**	**4157**	**3849**	**2436**	**65**	**1698**	**465**	**273**	**11**	**308**
Total										
EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT WEST										
Montgomery										
Criminal	66	72	59	57	22	33	15	9	16	13
Civil	49	58	60	47		29	13	5	11	-2
Chancery	62	104	99	67		47	12	8	12	5
Probate	44	30	25	49		19	13	17	35	5
Total	**221**	**264**	**243**	**220**	**22**	**128**	**53**	**39**	**18**	**21**
Polk										
Criminal	79	166	135	82	28	61	14	7	9	31
Civil	125	160	143	142		90	40	12	8	17
Chancery	192	331	345	178		116	43	19	11	-14
Probate	101	101	90	112		46	40	26	23	11
Total	**497**	**758**	**713**	**514**	**28**	**313**	**137**	**64**	**12**	**45**
Eighteenth Circuit										
West	145	238	194	139	50	94	29	16	12	44
Criminal	174	218	203	189		119	53	17	9	15
Civil	254	435	444	245		163	55	27	11	-9
Chancery	145	131	115	161		65	53	43	27	16
Probate	**718**	**1022**	**956**	**734**	**50**	**441**	**190**	**103**	**14**	**66**
Total										
NINETEENTH CIRCUIT										
Benton										
Criminal	526	1115	776	645	220	543	91	11	2	339
Civil	783	1208	1056	935		688	168	79	8	152
Chancery	725	1842	1819	748		645	75	28	4	23
Probate	412	454	356	510		269	122	119	23	98
Total	**2446**	**4619**	**4007**	**2838**	**220**	**2145**	**456**	**237**	**8**	**612**
Carroll										
Criminal	155	214	179	166	24	128	36	2	1	35
Civil	164	221	154	231		155	45	31	13	67
Chancery	175	389	350	214		170	38	6	3	39
Probate	92	89	61	120		60	39	21	18	28
Total	**586**	**913**	**744**	**731**	**24**	**513**	**158**	60	**8**	**169**
Nineteenth Circuit										
Criminal	681	1329	955	811	244	671	127	13	2	374
Civil	947	1429	1210	1166		843	213	110	9	219
Chancery	900	2231	2169	962		815	113	34	4	62
Probate	504	543	417	630		329	161	140	22	126
Total	**3032**	**5532**	**4751**	**3569**	**244**	**2658**	**614**	**297**	**8**	**781**
TWENTIETH CIRCUIT										
Faulkner										
Criminal	186	504	485	177	28	174	2	1	1	19
Civil	629	889	842	676		516	119	41	6	47
Chancery	595	990	839	746		433	165	148	20	151
Probate	397	233	171	459		173	122	164	36	62
Total	**1807**	**2616**	**2337**	**2058**	**28**	**1296**	**408**	**354**	**17**	**279**

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Searcy										
Criminal	102	54	45	72	39	31	15	26	36	9
Civil	88	69	71	86		45	21	20	23	-2
Chancery	132	143	192	83		60	11	12	14	-49
Probate	88	35	41	82		21	22	39	48	-6
Total	**410**	**301**	**349**	**323**	**39**	**157**	**69**	**97**	**30**	**-48**
Van Buren										
Criminal	183	113	171	121	4	58	28	35	29	-58
Civil	173	129	141	161		87	25	49	30	-12
Chancery	247	351	429	169		118	35	16	9	-78
Probate	102	47	55	94		24	24	46	49	-8
Total	**705**	**640**	**796**	**545**	**4**	**287**	**112**	**146**	**27**	**-156**
Twentieth Circuit										
Criminal	471	671	701	370	71	263	45	62	17	-30
Civil	890	1087	1054	923		648	165	110	12	33
Chancery	974	1484	1460	998		611	211	176	18	24
Probate	587	315	267	635		218	168	249	39	48
Total	**2922**	**3557**	**3482**	**2926**	**71**	**1740**	**589**	**597**	**20**	**75**
State-Wide										
Criminal	24813	34452	32792	19223	7250	14578	3030	1615	8	1660
Civil	24879	36401	36105	25175		16936	4933	3306	13	296
Chancery	22249	42022	42025	22246		16221	3935	2388	11	-3
Probate	14670	11404	9550	16524		6810	4281	5641	34	1854
Total	**86611**	**124279**	**120472**	**83168**	**7250**	**54545**	**16179**	**12950**	**16**	**3807**

NOTE: Pulaski County changed their method of reporting cases in divisions. In the past, all cases were assigned to a "O" division until arrest or service of a warrant. The cases were then assigned a division number.

Presently, all cases are assigned a division number upon filing. With this change, Pulaski County has added an additional 574 counts from "O" division to the other criminal divisions. These are reflected in the filing category.

Guardianship, Conservatorship and Trusteeship cases continue under the jurisdiction of the Probate Court over a period of years before a final order can be rendered. While they are considered active cases, it should be remembered and allowances made when using them in pending cases or age of cases comparisons or studies.

B/W Outstanding (bench warrant outstanding) figures should be added to the pending end figure to arrive at a total pending end figure.

TABLE 16 MUNICIPAL AND CITY COURT STATEWIDE STATISTICS

MUNICIPAL

	Filed	Convicted*	Dismissed*	Appeals*	Fines/Costs Assessed	Fines/Costs Collected
Criminal	116,357	70,247	16,877	957	$ 6,280,634	$ 4,005,746
D.W.I.	15,958	11,276	1,004	1,012	5,735,751	2,953,011
Other Traffic	292,098	188,204	16,637	20,941	11,142,133	12,607,052
TOTAL	**424,413**	**269,727**	**34,518**	**22,910**	**23,158,518**	**19,565,809**
Civil	33,617	21,660-Terminated			492,473	260,876
Felonies	4,195	6,243-Bound Over				
CITY						
Criminal	4,501	3,324	559	62	298,954	233,109
D.W.I.	1,488	842	62	91	669,514	315,636
Other Traffic	17,549	8,062	920	118	915,226	946,787
TOTAL	**23,538**	**12,228**	**1,541**	**271**	**1,883,694**	**1,495,532**
Civil	64	48-Terminated			552	689
Felonies	0	0-Bound Over				
STATEWIDE TOTALS	**447,951**	**281,955**	**36,059**	**23,181**	**$25,042,212**	**$21,061,341**

*Due to the variety of dispositions in Limited Jurisdiction Courts, it is difficult to ascertain precise disposition figures.

Note: The following 14 municipal courts have not reported: Bryant, Clarksville, Clinton, Eudora, Ft. Smith, Grady, Heber Springs, Lake Village, Manila, Marked Tree, Osceola, Van Buren, Warren, and West Fork.

A total of 14 municipalities reported for a partial year.

TABLE 17 JUVENILE DELINQUENT CHARGES

COUNTS	OFFENSE NAME	COUNTS	OFFENSE NAME
359	Battery/Assault	18	Robbery
163	Terroristic Threatening/Harassment	3,302	Theft
2	Kidnapping	150	Forgery/Hot Check
12	Rape	158	Resisting Arrest/Fleeing/Escape
45	Sexual Offenses	325	Disorderly Conduct
39	Arson/Arson Related	940	Public Intox./Minor in Possession/D.W.I.
1,079	Criminal Mischief/Trespass	107	Weapon Offense
1,335	Burglary/Breaking or Entering	187	Violation Uniform Controlled Substance
		301	Other

STATEWIDE TOTAL COUNTS 8,522 FELONIES 2,632 MISDEMEANORS 5,209 VIOLATIONS 681

TABLE 18 JUVENILE CASES

						Age of All Cases Pending			
	Pending 7-1-85	**Cases Filed**	**Terminated**	**Pending 6-30-86**	**Less 1-Yr.**	**1-2 Yrs.**	**Over 2 Yrs.**	**% Over 2 Yrs.**	**Change In Cases Pending**
Delinquent	576	5,703	5,632	647	335	96	216	33	71
*JINS	119	1,819	1,733	205	133	23	49	23	86
Neglect	410	944	886	468	213	80	175	37	58
Probation Violation	40	161	166	35	9	8	18	51	− 5
Parole Violation	0	13	12	1	1	0	0	0	1
STATE TOTALS	**1,145**	**8,640**	**8,429**	**1,356**	**691**	**207**	**458**	**33**	**211**

*Juveniles in need of supervision

NOTE: It should be noted that there were 5,703 individual juveniles charged with criminal offenses. This reflects a total of 8,522 charges filed against these juveniles, as shown in Table 17.

Also note that for Tables 17 & 18 the following counties have not reported: Baxter, Calhoun, Cleveland, Crittenden, Fulton, Grant, Johnson, Madison, Newton, Pike, Searcy & Sharp.

In addition, the following counties reported for a partial year: Arkansas, Carroll, Clay, Cleburne, Columbia, Crawford, Cross, Dallas, Faulkner, Hempstead, Izard, Jackson, Lafayette, Little River, Lonoke, Miller, Monroe, Nevada, Ouachita, Perry, Prairie, Pulaski, Saline, Scott, Union, Van Buren, White, Woodruff & Yell.

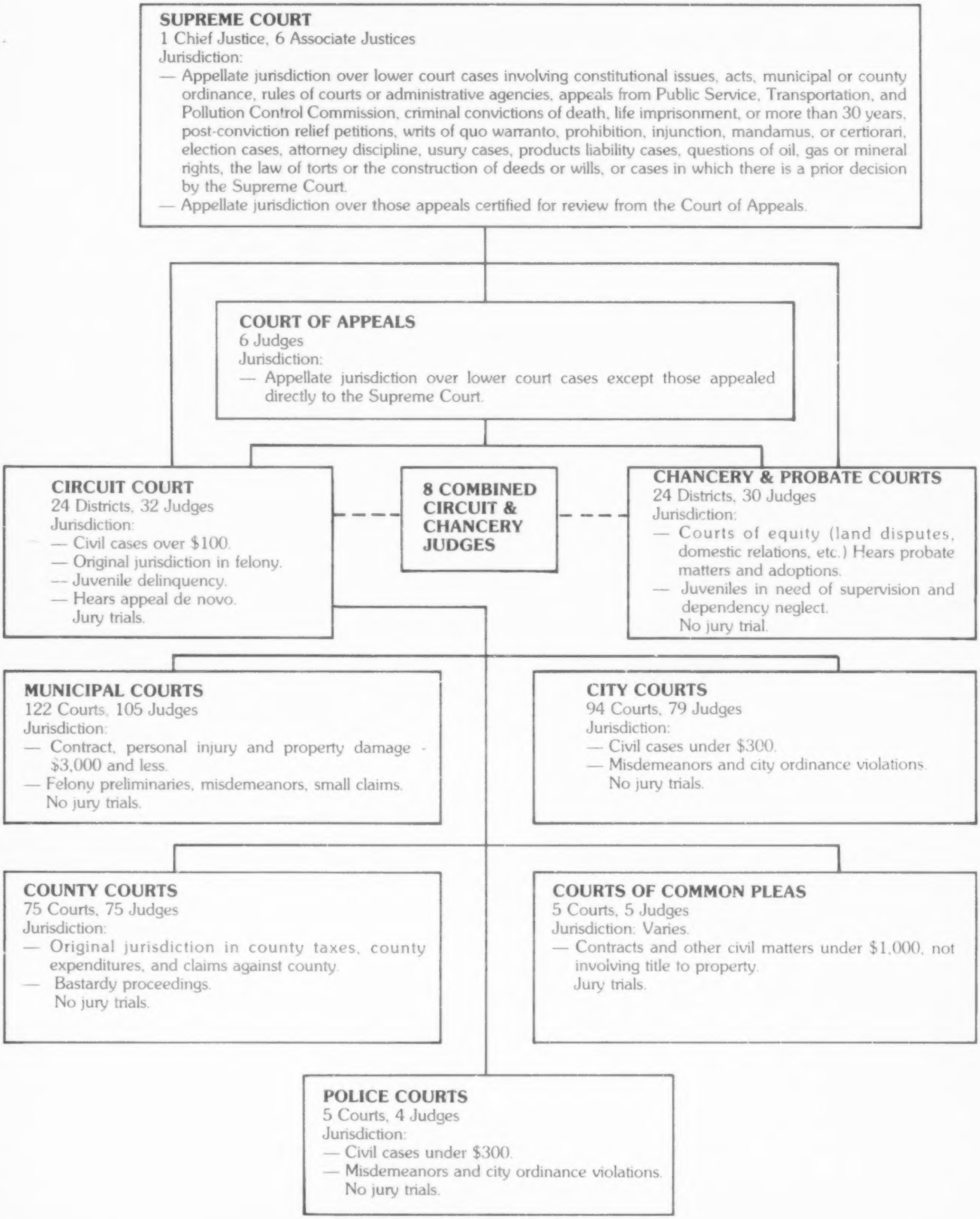
BASTARDY CASES

For the 1986/87 fiscal year, 4,314 bastardy cases were reported filed by county courts. The number of bastardy cases terminated totaled 2,466 for the same period.

TABLE 19 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S STATEWIDE STATISTICS

A.	**JUVENILE COURT**		
	Number of Defendants Represented		955
	Number and Nature of Offenses:		
	Felony	423	
	Misdemeanor	801	
	Number Relieved as Counsel	4	
	Total Offenses	1,228	
B.	**MUNICIPAL COURT**		
	Number of Defendants Represented		6,871
	Number and Nature of Offenses:		
	Felony	2,763	
	D.W.I.	637	
	Other Traffic	926	
	Misdemeanors	5,586	
	Total Offenses	9,912	
	Disposition of Defendants:		
	Felony: Probable Cause Not Found	1,384	
	Reduced by Court to Misdemeanor	882	
	Reduced to Misdemeanor - Pled Guilty	356	
	Relieved as Counsel	530	
	Misdemeanors:		
	Guilty or Nolo Pleas	2,403	
	Trials	1,162	
	Relieved as Counsel	32	
	Total Dispositions	6,749	
C.	**CIRCUIT COURT**		
	Number of Defendants Represented		4,353
	Number and Nature of Offenses:		
	Capital	9	
	Felony	6,327	
	Misdemeanors	278	
	Total Offenses	6,614	
D.	**RESPONDENTS REPRESENTED IN PROBATE COURT**		
	Involuntary and Alcoholic Commitments		1,437
E.	**TOTAL DEFENDANTS REPRESENTED IN ALL COURTS**		13,616
F.	**NUMBER OF CASES APPEALED TO CIRCUIT COURT**	438	
G.	**NUMBER OF CASES APPEALED TO STATE SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS**	139	
H.	**RULE 37 APPOINTMENTS**	5	

ARKANSAS COURT SYSTEM



SUPREME COURT
1 Chief Justice, 6 Associate Justices
Jurisdiction:
- Appellate jurisdiction over lower court cases involving constitutional issues, acts, municipal or county ordinance, rules of courts or administrative agencies, appeals from Public Service, Transportation, and Pollution Control Commission, criminal convictions of death, life imprisonment, or more than 30 years, post-conviction relief petitions, writs of quo warranto, prohibition, injunction, mandamus, or certiorari, election cases, attorney discipline, usury cases, products liability cases, questions of oil, gas or mineral rights, the law of torts or the construction of deeds or wills, or cases in which there is a prior decision by the Supreme Court.
- Appellate jurisdiction over those appeals certified for review from the Court of Appeals.

COURT OF APPEALS
6 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Appellate jurisdiction over lower court cases except those appealed directly to the Supreme Court.

CIRCUIT COURT
24 Districts, 32 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Civil cases over $100.
- Original jurisdiction in felony.
- Juvenile delinquency.
- Hears appeal de novo.

Jury trials.

8 COMBINED CIRCUIT & CHANCERY JUDGES

CHANCERY & PROBATE COURTS
24 Districts, 30 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Courts of equity (land disputes, domestic relations, etc.) Hears probate matters and adoptions.
- Juveniles in need of supervision and dependency neglect.

No jury trial.

MUNICIPAL COURTS
122 Courts, 105 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Contract, personal injury and property damage - $3,000 and less.
- Felony preliminaries, misdemeanors, small claims.

No jury trials.

CITY COURTS
94 Courts, 79 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Civil cases under $300.
- Misdemeanors and city ordinance violations.

No jury trials.

COUNTY COURTS
75 Courts, 75 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Original jurisdiction in county taxes, county expenditures, and claims against county.
- Bastardy proceedings.

No jury trials.

COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS
5 Courts, 5 Judges
Jurisdiction: Varies.
- Contracts and other civil matters under $1,000, not involving title to property.

Jury trials.

POLICE COURTS
5 Courts, 4 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Civil cases under $300.
- Misdemeanors and city ordinance violations.

No jury trials.